

BROKEN BREAD AND OPENED EYES

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I. A DIFFERENT KIND OF EASTER STORY

Luke 24:35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Luke 24:13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.

Luke 24:14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

Luke 24:15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

Luke 24:16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

Luke 24:17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.

Luke 24:18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

1. *The Resurrected Jesus is With You on Your Journey*

A. It is easy to be consumed by the things that are happening.

- God's will for our lives is often revealed as we journey with Jesus.
- Even when our hearts are hurting, God knows what is going on.

B. Jesus is with you.

Luke 24:19 "What things?" he asked.

- When you listen to someone's story you learn what is in their heart.

Luke 24:19-21 "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests

and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

Luke 24:21-24 And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

Matthew 28:20 And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Luke 24:25-27 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

- Do not allow dead religion to keep you from resurrection life.

Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

2. The Resurrected Jesus is The Good News

A. Jesus was no ordinary man.

Romans 1:2-4 (NLT) God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David’s family line, and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Jesus was the Son of God.
- Jesus was crucified for our sins.

Colossians 2:13-14(NLT) You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

- Jesus was resurrected.

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

B. Jesus is our hope.

C. Jesus lives today.

Hebrews 7:24-25 But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

1 John 2:1-2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Luke 24:28-29 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

Luke 24:30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

Luke 24:31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Luke 24:32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:33-34 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”

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3. The Resurrected Jesus is Opening Eyes To Give You Life

Luke 24:31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him,

A. Jesus opens our eyes.

Luke 24:32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

B. Jesus sets our hearts on fire.

Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

C. Jesus saves us.