

## “Dinner with the Son of Man” Luke 24:13-45

Please Stand and Open Your Bible to Luke 24:1-12.

Today we are hopping in a time machine and going forward in our study of Luke to one of my favorite resurrection stories. Luke who was a disciple of Paul took the task of interviewing those that had been with Jesus and witnessed His Resurrection to report the facts of what happened. By the time he did this the stories of His resurrection had been taught everyday by those that were there and instead of repeating the same things that were already circulating in Matthew and Mark he found a testimony of two people and their encounter with the risen Lord. We need to remember what John said...

John 20:30-31

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

That is the purpose of the Gospels. To get us to believe. But we need to make sure that it is not just theology we are walking away with. You can know the entire Bible inside out but if you don't know the author it does you no good. Believing is more

than just having your facts straight. What are you believing in? The Bible? The Church Building? Your Pastor? No. Your faith has to be in someone and not something. Today we are going to see two people who had been putting their trust in the wrong thing, and it led them to despair and failure. It wasn't until they meet the One who it is all about that they finally get it.

So let us go through this story, kind of in a Bible study format and make some points along the way and then make some application when we are done.

On the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-27

Did you notice that their eyes are restrained? Is it possible to be in the presence of Jesus and not know Him? Yes! Everyday people are walking around blind.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

And it's not that they can't see, it's that they do not want to see.

## Romans 1:18-20

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

Remember these are the same people that have been hearing Him say over and over again...

## Mark 9:30-32

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

What's the Problem? They have given up. Why? Because it was not the Jesus they had wanted. We will see that as we keep reading...

Now the name Cleopas has many thinking this is the same from...

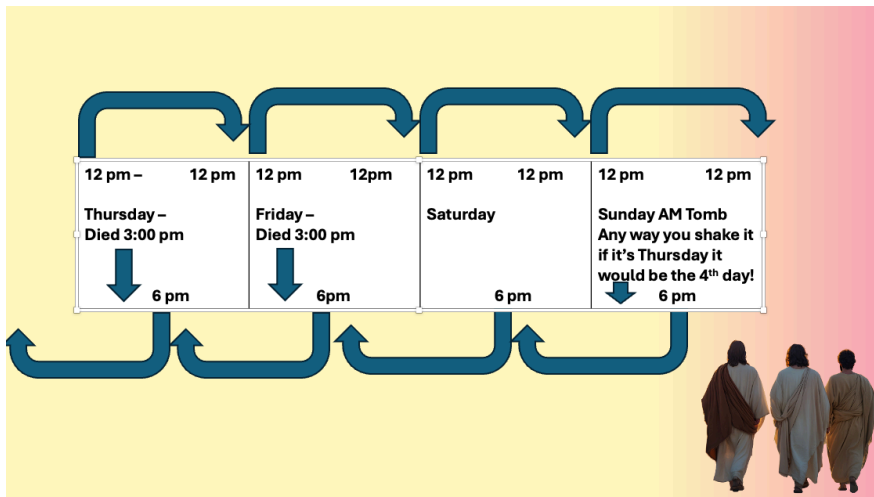
John 19:25

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Some have taken these two to be Clopas and Mary. You might read that in a commentary or two so I point it out, but we will just focus on the story. But notice they treat Jesus as a stranger. Don't act like they are the only ones who think that Jesus doesn't know about the things that have happened in your life. But you have to love the classic answer...

Now, verse 21 has be done in your best Eeyore voice. What Jesus are you looking for? One that does your bidding of gives you what you need? At this point they really have no clue...

Ok let's deal with this right now as every year you will hear people say Jesus died on Thursday to make it "3 days and 3 nights" in the grave. I will make it easy on you...



Moving on...

Now, this must have been quite the Bible study. We will look at a few of these in a minute but notice it wasn't the knowledge that got them to see Jesus. All of this and they were still going on their way. It wasn't until they get Him to have dinner with them do we see a change...

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Luke 24:26-35

What was that they saw?

Luke 22:19

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, **that we may know Him who is true**; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

We need to remember it is about knowing Him and not just knowing about Him. You can have your facts straight but be wrong in your application of them. This was the problem with the Pharisees...

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

It wasn't information they needed but an encounter. They needed to know Him and so do you. Let's move on...

Another Meal with the Son of Man

Luke 24:36-43

Jesus rose again in His own Physical Body. And just as Jesus did so will we!

## 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

Before He can redeem Israel, He must deal with the death problem. That has been defeated at the cross and secured in the resurrection!

## Hebrews 2:14-15

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

They had to see Him and touch Him to know Him. And when they knew Him, they could understand Him.

## Luke 24:44-45

Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled

which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

The law, the prophets and the psalms make up what we know as the Old Testament. They call it the Tanakh

The Tanakh:

The Law = Torah

The Prophets = Neti'im

The Psalms = Ketuvim

There are over 300 direct Prophecies pointing to the person and work of Jesus Christ

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Genesis 22:14

And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Exodus 12:13

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you

Micah 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”

Zechariah 9:9

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Psalms 22:16-18

For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

Psalm 2:7

“I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.’”

Psalm 16:9-11

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I am just scratching the surface with these nine. Do you even know what the odds are of one man fulfilling just these nine in history? What about 300? There are not enough zeros in the universe to calculate them! Why would these men die for a lie? But it wasn't just the word they needed it was Him they needed. We see the church today going down two paths. One of apostasy and one of legalism. Both systems reject Him. We are living in the Laodicean age. Remember Jesus' letter to this

church? Remember he wanted to vomit them out of His mouth? Notice the cure He gives them...

Revelation 3:17-20

“Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

What was it that was missing? Fellowship with Jesus! That’s what He wants more than anything. This is what John was referring to in his first letter...

1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the

Father and was manifested to us—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

Do you know Him or do you just know about Him? Are you learning the word just to know the word or to know the One Who wrote the word? You can today!