

A Walk To Remember

I. Slide1 Announce:

- A. Slide2 We are collecting donations to support **Agape Myanmar Mission** in SD for **the refugee community**. Items can be dropped off at the office during the week or on Sun's.
- B. Slide3 **Good Friday Communion** service at 7 am and it will be *STREAMED*.
- C. Slide4 **Easter Sunday** – We will have 4 family service times: **7am, 8:30am, 10 am and 11:30 am**. *Hallelujah Is Our Song*.
- D. Slide4 **New Sun Service Times “after” Easter** – April 11th 8am, 10am, 12.
- E. **Prayer**: Jesus You are always trying to *reveal* yourself to us. Whether in creation around us. In every book of the bible. In communion. In prayer. In unanswered prayer.

II. Slide5a Intro: A Walk To Remember [not *coming-of-age movie* w/Mandy Moore/cancer in 2002]

- A. *Other men see only a hopeless end, but the Christian rejoices in an endless hope.*
- B. **Explain 2 Part series**: Here we have a beautiful story that so mirrors many of us who have passed through the gloom of **doubt**, to the clear shining of **faith**.
 1. **Part 2**: *From Mourners to Missionaries*.
- C. We meet up with 2 followers taking heavy burdensome steps away from **One** who was the pure embodiment of ... *Faith, Hope, and Love*.
- D. Slide5b **Outline**: Jesus Journeying With Them. Jesus Sympathizing With Them. Jesus Expounding the Scriptures To Them.
 1. Here we have what the disciples **thought & felt**, & even gives how they **looked**, just before they understood the resurrection.
 2. These guys could have walked & talked for days & never gotten rid of their disappointment.
 3. They lacked the key that unlocks the OT [Messiah must *suffer & die* before entering **His glory**]
- E. **2 disciples**: we are told who 1 of the disciples were, **but who was the other disciple?**

1. We aren't sure, **but** it very much could have been **his wife**. John in 19:25 tells us, *Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene.*

III. Slide6a **JESUS JOURNEYING WITH THEM (15,16)**

A. (15) We note that Jesus drew near when they were conversing about Him.

1. Might we experience **His nearness** when we also converse w/others about Him?

B. (16) Eyes were kept from recognizing him – Mrk 16:12,13 *appeared in another form*

C. Jesus' resurrection body remains a mystery:

1. He appeared to the disciples from time to time, usually suddenly.
2. He had a body that could be **seen & touched**.
3. The disciples recognized Jesus' body as His body.
4. The resurrection means more than that His spirit survived death.
5. It points to 2 great truths of Christianity: *The tomb was empty. People saw Jesus alive in bodily form.*

D. Slide6b Why leave today?

1. You heard he would rise the 3rd day, couldn't you wait one more day?
2. You heard the women report the body missing.
3. You heard that angels appeared & said he was alive!
4. Yet, they walk off into the country, into the sunset, perplexed.
 - a) Such is our impatience!
5. At least their minds still cleave to Him still. They can't talk about anything else!

E. Slide6c Why does the Lord join them?

1. For, "He does not despise the day of small things." (Zech.4:10)
2. For, "He will not cast off those who have little strength" (Ps 71:9)

3. For, “a bruised reed he will not break, & the smoking flax He will not quench.” (Is.42:3)

F. Slide6d Where does He meet them?

1. Let it be wherever! In the temple; your house; in the field; on the road
2. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them. Mt.18:20

G. Slide6e Their eyes were kept from recognizing Him – It is often the same with us.

1. Haven't you ever come to His communion table & not met Him there?
2. Maybe you're in deep trouble & He says, *it is I don't be afraid, yet* you cannot detect him.
3. How often have you opened His Word yet never had a glimpse of Him?
4. Why did they not see Him? Unbelief. Why might we miss Him then? Unbelief
5. Make it your prayer, *“Open mine eyes Lord, I want to see Jesus!”*

H. Slide6f What if we found out that Jesus did this all the time ... still? hmmm

1. What if it was someone that was a little sharp? (like Jesus was in 25,26)

IV. Slide7a JESUS SYMPATHIZING WITH THEM (17-24)

- A.(17) What a tender & beautiful playfulness in the way he dealt with these men.
- B. Conversation - means to *“throw in turn, back and forth like a ball, from one to another, a beautiful picture of conversation as a game of words.”* L.K.G.N.T.
- C. *What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?* And they stood still, looking sad.
- D.(18) Everyone in Jerusalem was talking about Jesus (and this event). *Think about that.*
 1. Jesus must have been blessed to come upon them and hear that all of there thoughts were ... **regarding Him.**
- E. Slide7b (19) What things? – I've gotten in conversations with people in town over the years who don't know me & they ask *where do you go to church?* They'll say I've heard this or that about the pastor there. (always told them after)

1. He was **drawing them out** & it worked.

F. They still **believed** in Him. They still **loved** Him. Even though defeated, they still were saying, *He was mighty in word & deed before God and all the people.*

1. It had only **slain their Hope**. So they **limped on** to Emmaus.

G. (21) 1st half of verse w/a **smile of hope**. 2nd half w/**frown of despair**.

H. **Slide7c Doubt**: There is a difference between **doubt** & **unbelief**.

1. **Doubt** is a state of suspense in which *the mind is not made up* either to believe or reject.

2. **Unbelief** is a definite attitude of refusal.

a) The walls of Jericho fell flat, at Israel's mighty shout, **but** no one ever shouts like that, while paralyzed by **doubt**. *Lord, turn our doubt & leaden tread, to leaping, joyous faith instead.*

I. **Slide7d Hopeless**: *There are no hopeless situations, there are only people who have grown hopeless about them.*

V. **Slide8a JESUS EXPOUNDING THE SCRIPTURES TO THEM (25-27)**

A. **Now** Jesus began to talk to them.

1. His 1st word was that of **rebuke**, like the angels to the women. (5)

B. (25) **O Foolish ones** - literally *without sense*, not understanding.

Slow of heart – old word for *one dull, slow to comprehend, or to act.*

1. They are rebuked in both **intellect** & **heart**.

2. **Slide8b Note**: Jesus leads them to **faith 1st** before **sight** (31).

C. (26) **Was it not necessary?** The very things about the **death** of Jesus that disturbed them so, were **the strongest proof** that He was the Messiah of the Old Testament.

1. Many people in Jesus' day were diligent students of the Scriptures, **but** most missed **the central message**.

2. They focused on the, "**Messiah as a Glorious King**" passages, **and** overlooked the, "**Messiah needs to suffer to save mankind**" passages.

D. He proceeds to show them how this theme runs through the whole OT.

1. He showed them that *the suffering of the cross* is *the way of triumph*.

E. (27) What does Jesus' use of the OT here & (in vss.44-46) teach us of its importance & reliability & the way we should use it?

1. **Slide8c Importance** - it all points to **Him** (silver thread throughout).

2. **Reliability** - We can obviously trust the OT (**all parts**) if Jesus is using it.

3. **The way we should use it** – remove the OT's lens cover, **so** as to **uncover** & **discover...Jesus!**

a) **Slide8d** Jesus found Himself in the OT, a thing that some modern scholars don't seem able to do. *In the OT the New is enfolded, in the NT the Old is unfolded.*

F. Christians we should not whine, *"I don't like reading the OT"*. **Because** isn't it like saying, **I don't like digging to find the treasures regarding Jesus in the OT stories?**

1. I admit, it is easier picking up pearls in the NT, **than** it is mining for diamonds in the old.

2. **Slide8e** The great preacher D.L. Moody said, *I had up to this time, closed my Bible and prayed for faith. Now I opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.*

G. **Interpreted** – or, explained. To make sense of. [Here the diamond cut the diamond]

1. The Master of the house unlocked the doors & invited His guests to his table. **He who hid the treasure in the field Himself guided the searchers to it. After dinner comes dessert!** and there is none sweeter than **His own person & work.**

2. Oh to have Jesus as both our **teacher** & our **lesson**.

H. **So** Jesus breathed into their ears *the secret of love* which lay at the heart of **the ancient Law**. They listened as He traced each **Messianic note** in the **music** of all the prophets.

I. **Slide9** I'm the **Seed** of the women in Gen. - I'm the **Passover Lamb** of Ex. I'm the **Anointed High Priest** of Lev. - I'm the **Brazen Serpent** of Num.

I'm the **Great Rock** of Deut. - I'm the **Captain of the Lord's Hosts** of Josh.
 I'm the **Messenger of the Lord** of Jdg. - I'm the **Kinsmen Redeemer** of Ruth.
 I'm the **Great Judge** in 1 Sam. - I'm the **Seed of David** of 2 Sam.
 I'm the **Lord God of Israel** of 1 Kg. - I'm the **God of the Cherubim** of 2 Kg.
 I'm the **God of our salvation** in 1 Chron. - I'm the **God of our fathers** of 2 Chron.
 I'm the **Lord of Heaven & Earth** of Ezra. - I'm the **Covnt-keeping God** of Neh.
 I'm the **God of Providence** in Esther. - I'm the **Returning Redeemer** of Job.
 I'm the **Good shepherd** of the Ps. - I'm the **Wisdom of God** in the Prvb.
 I'm the **One above the Sun** of Ecc. - I'm the **Altogether Lovely** of SoS.
 I'm the **Virgin-born Immanuel** of Is. - I'm the **Branch of Righteousness** of Jer.
 I'm the **Compassionate One** of Lam. - I'm the **Lord Is There** of Ezek.
 I'm the **Stone Cut w/o Hands** of Dan. - I'm the **King of the Res** in Hos.
 I'm the **God of the Battle** of Joel - I'm the **Plumbline** of Amos.
 I'm the **Destroyer of the Proud** of Obad. - I'm the **Risen Prophet** of Jonah.
 I'm the **Bethlehem-Born** of Micah. - I'm the **Bringer of Good Tidings** of Nahum.
 I'm **The Anointed** of Hab. - I'm the **King of Israel** of Zeph.
 I'm the **Desire of All Nations** of Hag. - I'm the **Branch** of Zech.
 I'm The **Sun of Righteousness** of Malachi.

1. **What a Post-Resurrection Bible Study that must have been!**

J. **Remember ...**

Jesus is always **Journeying** with us. Jesus is always **Sympathizing** with us.
 Jesus is always **Expounding** the Scriptures to us. [and we'll see next week ...]
*Jesus is always **Revealing Himself** to us.*

K. **End:** Jesus delights to make our days *a sunlit Emmaus walk.*

Enjoy your walk with Him.