Walking with The Risen

Luke 24:13-35 Resurrection Sunday, March 31, 2024

Luke 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him.

17 And He said unto them, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?"

18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto Him, "Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?"

19 And He said unto them, "What things?" And they said unto him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not."

25 Then He said unto them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and He made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went into tarry with them.

And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

Saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon."

And they told what things were done in the way, and how He was known of them in breaking of bread.

And He said unto them, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?" Luke 24:17

- When we don't listen to God's Word it has an adverse effect on our Walk with Christ.
- These two disciples had heard the Word tell them several times why He had come.
 - That He would be betrayed, beaten, falsely condemned, crucified, but would rise again the third day.
- Had they not just heard the Word,
 - o but truly listened,
 - o thought about it,
 - o and applied it to how they walked,
 - o doesn't it make sense that they would have been at the tomb on Sunday Morning ready for Church!!!
 - Ready to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death!
 - They had three days to make signs, invite all their family and friends, and get everyone to the tomb.
 - That's if hearing the Word and doing the Word were what these disciples were about.
 - \circ But they were walking away from the tomb.
 - They were sad and their lives showed it.
 - They were walking with a risen Savior and their life wasn't showing it
 - The worst part...they were told before they left for Emmaus that He was risen

Comprehending the Word

Luke 24:27

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself."

- ALL Scripture, OT and NT are given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit
 - and ALL Scripture is profitable for me to know what is right,
 - know what is not right,
 - \circ to be corrected to what is right and
 - o directed in what is right.
- These two disciples had heard the Word, walked with the Word, and been witness to the power of the Word,
 - yet it wasn't until they allowed the Word to sustain them that their eyes were opened to the Word.
 - As they walked with the Word they failed to understand His presence and power.
 - They could not comprehend the importance of Christ's Sacrifice and His Resurrection without the Word helping them comprehend the Word.
 - It was not until Christ opened their eyes that they could see the impact of the Word.
- If we don't allow the Spirit to open our eyes to what we need, we won't receive it.
 - If the Word is not what breathes life into me, feeds me, refreshes me, then I have no life at all.

Walking With The Word

Luke 24:32

"And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

- You don't need outside validation or community corroboration to tell you when you have spent time with a Risen Savior.
- Let's look at the sequence of events with these two disciples.
- They were familiar with the Word
 - The were taught by Him
 - $_{\circ}$ The were healed by Him
 - They were fed by Him
 - The were instructed on events that must unfold by Him
- They were witness of the Power of the Word
 - $_{\rm O}$ They had watched Him heal the blind
 - They had watched Him heal the deaf & dumb
 - They had watched Him cleanse lepers
 - $_{\odot}$ They had watched Him raise the dead
- They were witness to the death of the Word
 - He was a prophet, not THE Prophet
 - They HAD believed He was more (past tense)
 - They heard that the Word kept the Word (He said he would rise again)
 - They still walked the other way
- They spoke fondly of the Word as they mourned
 - o Their new Companion knew they were sad
 - Their new Companion knew they had good memories
 - o Their new Companion heard how they used to be
 - Their new Companion was still there as they walked away
- They were blind to the Word's Presence
 - God's Word was now a past tense

- God's Word was now a disappointment
- God's Word was now powerless to them
- God's Word never left as they struggled to see
- The Word was the Word
 - The Word spoke to them in their sadness
 - The Word walked with them in their doubt
 - The Word sustained them
 - The Word made them FEEL Joy!
- Where is YOUR Joy?
 - o Do you know Jesus?
 - o Have you heard of Him?
 - o Have you ever walked with Him?
 - o Do you want to?
- Are you Comprehending the Word?
 - o Do you read you Bible?
 - Does it speak to you?
 - Does it cause you to change your direction?
 - The two disciples upon comprehending the presence and power of God's Word...
 - Got up
 - Changed direction
 - Let their faith produce a Walk IN the Word
 - While it was dark at night
 - Do you want to comprehend?
- Are you Walking IN the Word of THE Risen Savior?
 - o Is God's Word the Authority in your life?
 - Has God's Word cause some feelings to well up inside you today?
 - If not, do you know Jesus
 - If so, don't you want to change directions?