

JOURNEY TO EASTER: Emmaus

Sermon Notes March 31st, 2024

“But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.”
-Luke 24:11 NIV

Luke 24:13-49 NIV

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. 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?” 19 “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

_____ is standing in front of _____.

Luke 24:22-49

22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” 25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 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. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Luke 24:31

Then their eyes were opened...

Genesis 3:7

At that moment their eyes were opened...

Jesus' resurrection _____ our eyes and _____
the curse of sin and death.

How does Jesus open your eyes?

- Jesus _____ you even when you aren't _____ Him (v. 15)
- He opens the _____ to you. (v. 32)

Luke 24:32

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 24:41-49

41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

How does Jesus open your eyes?

- Jesus pursues you even when you aren't pursuing Him (v. 15)
- He opens the Scriptures to you. (v. 32)
- He opens your mind to _____ (v. 45)

Luke 24:46-49

Jesus opened _____ eyes so that you could help others open _____.

Luke 24:30-31

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Luke 24:35

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

Take Home:

- Do you need to accept Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to open up your eyes to who Jesus is?
- Do you need to grab hold of the mission that Jesus saved you for?