

April 4th, 2021 -Kevin Olivier
Luke 24:13-35 - The Risen Christ Revealed

- A. It is a glorious privilege to come to church to celebrate the resurrection of Lord & Savior Jesus XP
1. Still, keep in mind that Christ's resurrection is not just for Easter Sunday.
 2. Gospel preaching in the NT almost always included mention of Christ's glorious resurrection.
- B. It should be our prayer to see our family, neighbors, coworkers, all the people in this community, & even the nations of this world — come to share in rejoicing in what Christ has done to save sinners.
- C. Last Lord's Day in **Luke 19** we saw how Christ came down from Mt. of Olives as the humble Messiah King riding on a colt in fulfillment of **Zech 9:9** which called for gr rejoicing for:
"Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just & endowed with salvation, Humble, & mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
→ **Luke 19:38** **"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord"**

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I. REASONS SOME DOUBT

- A. Belief that Christ was only a mighty prophet.
→ Their doubt was based upon an incomplete & inadequate u-standing of XP's identity.
1. Some unbelievers today are the same way.
 2. Our faith must be built upon a more complete understanding of Christ's identity.
 - a. Scripture tells us that Jesu Christ was the eternal Son of God who existed with the Father in the glories of heaven before **"before the world was" (Jn 17:5)**.
 - b. For our salvation, Jesus had to be a man to represent us as the 2nd Adam.
 - b. For our salvation, Jesus had to be God
 - 1) Only a being of infinite power & might could bear the eternal wrath of the Father in the place of a multitude from every tribe, tongue, & nation.
 - 2) He really & truly suffered the pains of hell due for every person who would ever put their faith in Him.
- B. Another reason people doubt is because of an incomplete understanding about why Christ came into the world. **(vv25-26)** → **Isaiah 53**
- C. Some do not believe, because **(v16)** says **"...their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him."**
1. For us to see Jesus Christ for who He is, God must open our eyes to see Him & believe upon Him.
 2. **John 6:44** **"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him..."**
→ In other words, no one can come to Christ in a saving relationship unless Father who sent Christ draws that person to Himself.

II. CHRIST REVEALS HIMSELF (vv 25-27)

A. Have you ever wondered, “**Luke, why didn’t you record these words of Jesus.**” In much of Christ’s teaching Jesus spoke in parables. The reason why is found in Mat 13:10-17.

1. Most of the Scribes, Pharisees, & Sadducees were not children of God. Jesus told them plainly in John 8:43-44. → Turn there.
2. With the righteous & devout priest Simeon (Lu 2:25-35) & Nicodemus as exceptions among others God determined to judge & condemn the seed of the serpent dressed-up & posing as shepherds.

B. In (vv 25-27) we have a different & most beautiful situation wherein Christ lays down the parables & preaches Himself in the clearest & most open fashion.

1. Dr. Benjamin Shaw answered why Luke didn’t record these words of Jesus.
 - a. The rest of the NT does this very thing— tells how Jesus fulfilled the OT beginning with Moses, with all the prophets, and extending to Psalms of David & the Psalms of others.
 - b. Composing a sermon from every OT fulfillment in Luke & Hebrews may give you an idea...
2. Some folks are not fond of preachers using lots of texts for a sermon.
 - a. Preaching is like serving a meal. There is a right & wrong way to serve-out the Scriptures.
 - b. Sermon should be like a well-prepared meal— sometimes that takes a large number of passages to show that the message comes from God’s Word & not my imagination.

C. Jesus always preaching in a persuasive, logical fashion yet just imagine how many Scripture citations were included in this rather long sermon on the road to Emmaus (over 300?)

→ This sermon if recorded would have easily made Luke’s gospel 2-3 times as long as the other gospels.

D. (vv 28-31) tell us more of how Christ revealed Himself to His 2 disciples:

III. YOUR RESPONSE Pray that God would give you a response like these two brothers (**v32**)!

A. Suggested prayers based on today’s text:

1. “Ld, may our hearts burn with love & adoration for You as we read Your Holy Word & especially as we hear it preached.”
2. “Lord open our eyes to Jesus & His blessed gospel as we read Your Bible.”

B. A Christian responds to Jesus revealing Himself by sharing what Christ has shown us (**vv 33-35**).

1. The Emmaus sermon could have been foundational to the writing of the NT, yet how could a person remember a sermon including a tremendous number of OT citations?
2. John 14:26 “**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, & bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.**”

C. Just as these 2 disciples were excited to tell others of what XP showed them, we should desire to share the word of life with others as well. The extent to we should desire to share: → Mat 28:18-20

Review / Conclusion / Application: