

Morning Sermon May 17, 2015
“Christ’s Resurrection: Beyond the Belief of Believers”
Luke 24:1-53

1. They sought Jesus, but they looked in the wrong place

– The women did a lot right –

1. They kept the Sabbath – Luke 23:55-56

And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. (Luke 23:56 NKJ)

2. They sought to serve Jesus early –

^{NKJ} **Luke 24:1 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. (Luke 24:1 NKJ)**

Early devotion is a wonderful, praise-worthy thing –

David wrote –

³ **My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. (Psalm 5:3 NKJ)**

O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; (Psalm 63:1 NKJ)

Yet, in one way they were all wrong –

1. They sought the LIVING (Christ) among the dead –

⁵ **Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? (Luke 24:5 NKJ)**

And this was because:

2. They forgot what He had told them –

Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷ "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

⁸ **And they remembered His words. (Luke 24:6-8 NKJ)**

What was the remedy of their wrong seeking? They were reminded of Christ’s Words, which we have in the Bible!

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.

³² **"For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. ³³ "They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." (Luke 18:31-33 NKJ)**

II. They walked with Jesus, but with too sad a pace –

¹³ **Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they talked together of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵ So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. ¹⁷ And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" (Luke 24:13-17 NKJ)**

These men did some things right too –

1. Their minds were on Christ, they talked about Him

2. They walked with Christ and talked with Him too, but...

They did not know HE was walking with them, they did not realize HE was alive!

They did not realize what He had just done –

²¹ **"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. (Luke 24:21 NKJ) He had accomplished redemption!**

They needed God’s Word, they were blessed with Christ’s teaching –

²⁵ **Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. (Luke 24:25-27 NKJ)**

(1) In the Beginning – Genesis 1:1-4; John 1:1-5; 14

(2) The Last Adam – Romans 5:12, :14, :18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

(3) The Seed of the Woman – Genesis 3:15

(4) The Clothing of God – Genesis 3:7 :21

(5) The Better Offering – Genesis 4:1-5; Hebrews 11:4

(6) Blood Speaking Better Things – Genesis 4:10; Hebrews 12:12

(7) The Lamb of God – Revelation 13:8; John 1:29; Genesis 22:6-8; Exodus 12:1-7 & :13-14

(8) The Blessed Seed of Abraham – Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-10

(9) A Priest After the Order of Melchizedek – Hebrews 6:20 – 7:3; Genesis 14:18-20

- (10) *The Offering of the Only Begotten Son – Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:17-19; John 3:16*
- (11) *Jacobs Ladder – Genesis 28:13-22; John 1:47-51*
- (12) *Loved by Father, Hated by Brothers – Genesis 37:3 / Matthew 3:17; John 3:35 Genesis 37:4 / John 15:23-25 Genesis 37:18 / Mark 3:36*
- (13) *Until Shiloh Comes – Genesis 49:8-12*
- (14) *The Great “I AM” Exodus 3:14; John 6:35; 8:12; 10:9; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1 & :5*
- (15) *Our Passover Lamb – Exodus 12; 1 Corinthians 5:7*
- (16) *The Pillar of Fire – Exodus 13:21-22*
- (17) *Bitter Water Made Sweet – Exodus 15:22-27*
- (18) *Bread from Heaven – Exodus 16:4-21; John 6:56-58*
- (19) *The Rock of Salvation – Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6*
- (20) *The Tabernacle – Exodus 25-40; John 1:14; Matthew 1:23*
- (21) *Our Kinsmen Redeemer – Exodus 25:25; Ruth*
- (22) *The Bronze Serpent – Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-16*
- (23) *A Prophet Like Moses – Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Acts 3:21-23*
- (24) *Son of David – 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Luke 1:31-33*
- (25) *The Temple – 2 Samuel 7:13; John 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-5; Ephesians 2:20-22*
- (26) *Job’s Mediator – Job 9:31-32; 16:18-21; 19:23-27*
- (27) *A King to be Kissed – Psalm 2; Daniel 2 & 7; Revelation 17:14*
- (28) *The Good Shepherd – Psalm 23; John 10:11*
- (29) *The Cornerstone – Psalm 118:22-29; 1 Peter 2:4-8*
- (30) *The Branch (Shoot) – Isaiah 4:2; 11:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5-8; 30:8-9; 33:14-18*
- (31) *Born of a Virgin – Isaiah 7:14*
- (32) *Born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2*
- (33) *The Unrecognized Suffering Messiah – Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; Zechariah 12:8-10*
- (34) *Greater than Jonah, Greater than Solomon – Matthew 12:38-42*

Only after He teaches them from Scripture do they recognize Him -

³² **And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32 NKJ)**

III. They rejoiced in Jesus, but they still needed grace -

1. *The Eleven Apostles by evening knew He had risen –*

³³ **So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" (Luke 24:33-34 NKJ)**

2. *He even came to them -*

Jesus greeted them with –

"Peace to you." (Luke 24:36 NKJ)

3. *Yet they were “terrified” –*

³⁷ **But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. (Luke 24:37 NKJ)**

4. *He calmed their fears by:*

A. *Showing them His hands and feet – Luke 24:38-40*

B. *Eating in front of them – Luke 24:41-43*

C. *But mostly, and again, teaching them from the Word, the Bible*

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⁴⁴ **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. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (Luke 24:44-47 NKJ)**

¹⁷ **So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17 NKJ)**

5. *He commissioned them, blessed them and ascended to Heaven – Luke 24:48-53*

A. *To be witnesses*

B. *Empowered by God’s Spirit*

C. *Blessed*

D. *Believers who would no longer doubt His Word*

E. *We are called to the same –*

²⁹ **Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29 NKJ)**

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