

Luke 24:13-35

Meeting the resurrected Lord.

Overview: The two disciples' false interpretation of Jesus' death arose from a false messianic expectation. In turn, this had its roots in a false understanding of the Scripture. To 'know' the events one must 'know' the Scripture. Only after it is 'opened' to them are they prepared (able) to 'see' Jesus in his resurrected glory (31f). This order is significant.

1. vs. 16. Possibly blocked by supernatural power, the disciples were prevented from recognising Jesus until he revealed himself to them. **Likewise, we cannot see the risen Christ, although he is walking with us, unless he wills to reveal himself.**
 2. v. 19-20. They had seen the power of God in Jesus, but did not know who he really was and what he had come to do.
 3. v. 21 'Redemption' signifies in the ancient world that a price had to be paid. **In the case of the suffering and death of Jesus, this is the 'cost' that God was prepared to pay to save humankind.**
 4. v. 25-26. Jesus pointed out that the root of their problem was their failure to understand and accept the Scriptures. Jesus showed them how the Scriptures pointed to and predicted his (the Messiah's) death and resurrection. So, his suffering and death was necessary, the messiah had to suffer as the prophets foretold. But that is not the end Jesus will also 'enter his glory'. God is not defeated. He triumphs through the suffering of Son, Jesus the Christ.
- Reflection/Response.** The twin themes of the seriousness of sin and the depth of God's love are found throughout the Old Testament. These are the factors that made the cross unavoidable and necessary (Rm. 5:8). The promise of new life (Jeremiah 31) comes through the overcoming of sin and death shown in the resurrection of Jesus.
5. v. 28-29. Without the invitation Jesus would not have stayed.
 6. v. 30-35. Their eyes were opened by Jesus' divine power. Through the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread Jesus had made himself known to them.

Reflection/Response: God is always ready to take the initiative to make Himself known to us especially as we read the Scriptures and pray to God, this is the good news. How are we ready to meet and serve the risen Lord through his Spirit as he makes himself known to us?

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