

Luke 24.13-53

"Surprises on the Gospel Road"

LAST Sunday NOVEMBER 2009 > BEGAN study of LUKE's Gospel

FIRST Sunday SEPTEMBER 2010 > END > Jesus: SAVIOR of the WORLD

PRAY – FRESH Vision of Jesus – DEEPER Gratitude for AMAZING Love

IF Travel Back in TIME – CROWDS > Looky-Loo – What EVENT like SEE??

Manger – Temple – Hillsides – Homes – On Water – Mountain Top – Garden

MOST Recently > CROSS – TOMB – ALIVE > REALLY Dead & ALIVE

vs. 36-42 Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

NO GHOST: Flesh & Bones / Hands & Feet, ATE Catch of the Day from BARBY

THRILLING > Startled – Frightened – Troubled – Doubting – Joy & Amazement

AWE Filled streets of MADRID when SPAIN WON World Cup of FOOTBALL

While they were still flustered for joy, they were rejoicing and doubting at the same time. They were seeing and touching, and scarcely believing. Augustine

So REAL Luke has to WRITE SEQUEL to Story > RISEN JESUS from Heaven
After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing
proofs that he was alive. Acts 1.3

JOHN – YOUNGEST of 12 Apostles – Still TREMBLING as OLD MAN

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 1 John 1.1

LUKE tells MOST about BIRTH and RESURRECTION of Lord Jesus Christ
Easter AFTERNOON > 2 Despondent Disciples > Aimlessly Walking

1. Disciples in Despair

a. Directionless activities

vs. 13,14 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

Husband & Wife? Friends? Not peaceful stroll, WANDERING IN PANIC & FEAR
from Gethsemane: Then everyone deserted him and fled. Mark 14.50

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. John 21.3

REAL STRUGGLE > HONEST DOUBTS > TRUTH of GOSPEL

If SOMEONE INVENTING Religion – CREATING OWN FAITH

WHY would PRINCIPLE BELIEVERS be FILLED w/ Doubts and Failures??

The first step in the way of salvation is to begin to see that life does not make sense, and it is the teaching of Jesus which enables men to see this. Michael Wilcock

b. Denial of reality

vs. 15 - 19 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only

a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked.

WHINING Interrupted – RUDELY? – By STRANGER? What DO YOU Want?

HEAR the SARCASM DRIPPING from his VOICE

Are you the ONLY 1 in Jerusalem who LIVES UNDER A ROCK?

Jesus > As MATTER of FACT I have BEEN inside a TOMB for 3 Days!

Prophet and Redeemer of Israel in FRONT OF THEM

Pontius Pilate > ‘What is Truth?’ > TRUTH Stood Right in FRONT of him

Many times Christians are LAST ONES to Know what is GOING ON in World
Yet > Condemn FILMS we Never Watch, BOOKS we Never READ

v. 16 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; *but they were kept from recognizing him.*”

REPORT was HEARD > BUT REJECTED it was Impossible > WOMEN!!

v. 22 Some of our women amazed us.

Do not see SOLUTION to their despair, "their faces downcast" v 17

// Mary Magdalene at Tomb - thought Jesus was Gardener John 20.15

Don't see Jesus, EVERYTHING OUT OF PERSPECTIVE, LOSS OF MEANING

For from him and through him and to him are all things Romans 11.36

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1.17

You can go to your College; You can go to your School; But if you Ain't got Jesus;
You're an Educated Fool! Barry McGuire

SOME ‘Back to School’ POETRY for ENGLISH COMP. Classes this FALL!

MAN'S Most FUNDAMENTAL Problem is THEOLOGICAL

Contrary to what 2 on Road Thought >

ONLY Person who Knew what was GOING ON was Jesus

c. Distorted Gospel – one of LONGEST Speeches in LUKE – Most CONFUSED!

vs. 19 – 24 "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 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. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

Devout JEWS > Knew the SCRIPTURES > Improper Interpretation

Recognized Jesus as PROPHET, longed for REDEEMER OF ISRAEL

FAIR Summary of PART of the GOSPEL

vs. 19 "He WAS a prophet" FAITH IN THE PAST TENSE

vs. 21 "we HAD HOPED He was going to redeem Israel"

v. 21 And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place

THIRD DAY – LOOK HOW LONG! NOTHING YET! –

Jesus: "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and *on the third day be raised to life.*"
Luke 9.22

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. *On the third day he will rise again.*" Luke 18.31-33

The Gospel without the Resurrection is not merely a Gospel without its final chapter; it is not a gospel at all. Michael Ramsey

IF Jesus NOT ALIVE – Everything WRONG with World will NEVER be RIGHT

Do WE Get the GOSPEL RIGHT Today? Extremely IMPORTANT Question

Clean Up you Life – Stop Swearing, Smoking, Stoning, Sleeping Around!!

Do the Right Thing! – Pray, Read Bible, Go to Church, Get Baptized, Membership

Transform World – Feed Hungry – Protest Injustice – Tea Party – Go Green

Get Blessed – Get Slain in Spirit – Speak in Tongues – Worship till you Drop

Get Smart – Study Theology – Go to Seminary – Read Christian Books

SOME are GOOD and HELPFUL > NONE will SAVE YOU > ALL about You!

NOT GOSPEL > NOT GOOD NEWS > NOT things YOU Can DO Yourself

IF YOU can DO It > It is NOT the GOSPEL > We DID it SPOIL IT!

Thot Cross DESTROYED Hope for Redemption > ACCOMPLISHED Redemption

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners
1 Timothy 1.15

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.
1 Peter 3.18

We have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.
1 John 2.1,2

MISSIONARY IN INDIA - befriended Hindu PEARL DIVER

told about the free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ

NO would prepare for the next life - CRAWLING TO DELHI 900 miles

Before Left gave Missionary a Beautiful Giant Pearl

WANTED TO PAY FOR IT - Hindu Man REFUSED

OBTAINED BY ONLY SON - DOVE VERY DEEP - DIED BRINGING IT UP

what price could he pay for such a gift?

THEN HE UNDERSTOOD THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS FOR OUR SINS

2. Confrontation with Christ

a. Correctly applies truth Incarnate Word Interprets the Word

vs.25-27 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

HARD WORDS BROUGHT THEM CLOSER, NOT DRIVE THEM AWAY!!!

"How foolish you are!" JESUS SPOKE LIKE THAT !!! > Need Audio/Visual
Cannot SEE TWINKLE in Eye and HOPEFUL Tone in VOICE

‘Come on Guys!’ – Don’t be SO DENSE – GET a CLUE Here!

BIBLE Event I WISH I could have ATTENDED > Great TEACHING Event

v. 25 Rebukes // vs. 26 Questions // vs. 27 Instructs

NOT Told SPECIFIC Passages of HEBREW Scriptures that POINT to Him

Genesis 3 – Seed of Woman crushes Head of Serpent

Exodus 12 – Passover Lamb slain for Deliverance

Leviticus 16 – Day of Atonement for Nation

Numbers 21 – Bronze Serpent Lifted Up to Save

Deuteronomy 27 – Blood Sprinkled on God's Altar

Isaiah 53 – Servant Wounded for our Iniquities

Zechariah 3 – Atonement made for Land in Single Day

Psalms 22 – God-forsaken Sufferer Delivered

Psalms 2 – God's Son promised the Nations

Psalms 110 – Son reigns in Glory at Right Hand of God

Daniel 7 – Son of Man given Eternal Kingdom by Ancient of Days

MAY have been SOME of TEXTS of Jesus' Afternoon Bible Survey Course

Jesus is not just here or there in this prediction or that prophecy; he is everywhere in the Old Testament.
Philip Ryken

RESURRECTION is Necessary BRIDGE to Connect OT Promises to Lord Jesus

RISEN Jesus same as SUFFERING Servant – Messiah same as David's Son

Jews EXPECTED DIFFERENT People to FULFILL Diverse PROMISES / Pictures

Jesus claimed to be teaching what the whole Scriptures taught. Only this understanding of who he was made sense of the various strands of promise in the Scriptures.
Darrell Bock

TEXT for the Apostle's Sermons in ACTS & Epistles is the OT

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1.20

Jesus is the key to understanding the Bible, and the Bible is the key to understanding Jesus - cannot understand one w/out other

Jesus to Pharisees "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."
John 5.39,40

b. Checks for a Commitment

v. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther.

"acted as if He was going farther" NO NEUTRAL POSITION
NOT PLAYING Games with THEM > WORLD to NOW REACH > Moving Out!

Notice that in the Gospels the risen Christ appears to disciples, not to unbelievers on the street and synagogues to frighten them into an acquiescing faith. Fred Craddock

NOWHERE in NT – Jesus or Apostles IMPOSE Faith on ANYONE

Christian GOSPEL is NOT SHARIAH Law > You Want to WALK AWAY? GO!

But Jesus WEPT – and we should WEEP TODAY – When People Walk Away!

ARE you SERIOUS?

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28.19,20

Are YOU ENGAGED in Baptizing/Teaching? THEN Say Confidently WITH YOU
IF too BUSY – BOTHERED > Then HE is DOWN the ROAD HORNY TOAD!

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Philemon 6

MAKE PERSONAL Budget – All your STUFF, TOYS, FUN, TRAVELS, ETC.

Oh, yeah > GOTTA Give Some OFFERING > ZGC Broke > What's Left Over?

MAKE TIME Table – Got This, That, That Thing, ALL I WANT TO DO

Heard NEED Workers at ZGC > Opps! Sorry! My SCHEDULE is FILLED UP!

LATER asking HOW Can I FEEL God's Presence? Hear Voice? Feel His Joy?

v. 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. "they STRONGLY URGED Him, stay with us"

When crowds left Him, Jesus asked disciples: "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Peter responded, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."
John 6.68

Jesus is GENTLEMAN / Not BIG BAD WOLF who Huffs & Puffs & Blows Down

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him and he with me." Revelation 3.20

He DOES NOT BREAK THE DOOR DOWN, He stands OUTSIDE & KNOCKS

c. Calls to walk by faith

LIKELY NOT in Emmaus Inn / Bed & Breakfast > ONLY Emmaus BROTHEL

MORE LIKELY THEIR HOUSE > But Jesus EARNED Position as HEAD There

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

There is an air of finality...It is the decisive close of one chapter and the beginning of another...The can expect to see him in the old way no more. Leon Morris

FAMILIAR Formula – Used in Feeding 5000 – LAST SUPPER

vs. 30 Takes Bread, Gave Thanks, Broke Bread, DISAPPEARS

MANNER of PRAYER – Words Spoken – PIERCED Hands – GOD Opened Eyes

Why did He disappear? What a great time they could have had?

As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) Luke 9.33

THEY COULD NOT BASK IN THE GLORY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Garden on Easter morning, Mary Magdelene wanted to cling to Jesus
"Jesus said, Do not hold on to me for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them." John 20.17

Why did Jesus, once he was recognized, disappear?

1) New Covenant "we live by faith not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5.7

No manna to eat, no Mt. Sinai to climb, no Temple to sacrifice

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, and his worshippers MUST worship in spirit and truth." John 4.23

We want to hold something, Pastor, spouse, friend, tradition
ALL OF THESE WILL PASS AWAY

NAKED PROMISE OF THE WORD OF GOD, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness....When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay..."

2) Big work yet to be done

v. 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Jerusalem – CENTER of Luke > Jesus ENTERED > Church WILL EXIT

Brings sobering reality to all our earthly rejoicing

ALREADY Body is DIVIDED by Denominations – Seminaries - Theologies

NO Earthly CENTER > ROMAN Catholics – Wheaton – Seoul – Beijing

IMAGINE if Jesus was IN ONE CITY – Who would GO OUT from There?

Spiritual Presence in EVERY City – Village – Nation – Land > GO with HIM!

STUDENTS want to STAY in BEIJING > GET Out and Go when/where He Sends

World is racing to hell, unless we tell others of Jesus

GREATER WORK will YOU DO

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. John 14.12

GREATER in QUANTITY NOT QUALITY > Go Everywhere with/for Him

We have SAME WORD to PREACH that JESUS PREACHED

3. Revitalized by Resurrection

a. Rejoice in the living Jesus

vs. 33-35 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread

There is NOTHING IN EMMAUS FOR THEM, New Purpose and Direction

"Weeping my last for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning"

Completely Transformed - won lottery? miracle? new job?

ONLY ONE THING CHANGED - THEY MET JESUS

Even if we cannot fully explain the resurrection, we can still believe it and tell other people about it.
Philip Ryken

Gospel ends on note of Joy

vs. 52-53 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

b. Realize meaning of Scripture

vs. 44,45 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." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Jesus SHOWS what they SHOULD HAVE Known

Neglect of OT > Walk into Movie 2/3 of way THROUGH / Read END of the Book

BIBLE > Sword of the Holy Spirit > CONVICTS and CONVINCES

Consequently, *faith comes from hearing the message*, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
Romans 10.17

WEAK in FAITH? Very Likely CARELESS in Reading and Studying God's Word

Gracious Savior > Easter Afternoon > Bible School for Bumbleheaded Believers

HE would not stay with them FOREVER > Disappeared > Saw NAIL PRINTS?

BUT HIS WORD Remains FOREVER > Outlast HEAVEN AND EARTH

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 24.32

RISEN JESUS > Bible Teacher > Fulfills the Word and Opens the Word

Then he opened their minds so they could *understand the Scriptures*. Luke 24.45

FEARLESS? > No Longer SCARED of the DARK

Before Eyes Opened > Plead with Jesus to Stay in Safety of Traveler's Inn

After Understood Him and His Word > "They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together"
 Luke 24.33

Final Sermon of Martin Luther King, Jr. > 3 April 1968 > Assassinated Next Day

"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that just now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."
 Martin Luther King, Jr.

c. Remain in Jesus thru Spirit by Word

v. 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?"

Did they miss him? Undoubtedly. Would they like Him back? Surely

Were they still "Disciples in Despair?" NO WAY!! REJOICING !!

vs. 32 "hearts burned as understood Jesus and the Scriptures"

INSEPERABLE CONNECTION - Jesus, Scriptures, and the Holy Spirit

I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.
 John Wesley

"If you remain in me and MY WORDS REMAIN IN YOU, ask whatever you

wish, and it will be given to you." John 15.7

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8.31,32

REJOICE / REALIZE / REMAIN - Have you met Him along the road?

Encounter Risen Christ through Biblical Exposition
Experience Risen Christ in Breaking of Bread

Communion?

NO – Wine – Church – Not There for Original Meal

LANGUAGE of Communion

TOOK – THANKS – BROKE – GAVE

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 only a visitor to Jerusalem and do 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. 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 him they did not see." 25. He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26. Did not the Christ 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 acted 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. 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?" 33. They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34. and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

35. Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. 36. While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37. They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39. Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 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.

46. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47. and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48. You are witnesses of these things. 49. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 50. When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

51. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

52. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.