

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, April 27, 2025

### “Risen Indeed! ~ With Burning Hearts”

Luke 24:13-34

Contrary to what many people think, Easter doesn't just celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ day, and it's far more than just a single morning of hallelujahs, but a season of wonder that spans \_\_\_\_\_ glorious days, from the breaking dawn of Resurrection Sunday to the fire and wind on the Day of Pentecost. During these Great Fifty Days, the Church doesn't merely remember the resurrection—we live in its \_\_\_\_\_.

There are 12 post-resurrection appearances recorded in the four gospels and alluded to in Paul's letters and all of them are more than just \_\_\_\_\_ of life and of Jesus' victory over death; they're purposeful \_\_\_\_\_, confirming Jesus' identity, strengthening His followers, and preparing them—and us—for the coming of the Holy Spirit; they're moments charged with meaning, and filled with forgiveness, \_\_\_\_\_, and commissioning.

Through them, Jesus confirms that death has been defeated, sin has been conquered, and a new \_\_\_\_\_ has begun, as He meets grief with \_\_\_\_\_, doubt with peace, and fear with purpose.

#### THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Disappointment, doubt, \_\_\_\_\_, defeat, and despair characterize these two guys as they walk. The Master they loved and followed had been horribly put to death and everything He said and did had died with Him. Their \_\_\_\_\_ was dashed—the dream was over!

**talking and discussing = *homileo suzeteo* =**

These disillusioned followers were grappling with what had happened and struggling to \_\_\_\_\_; they desperately wanted to know why their expectations of the \_\_\_\_\_ had come to such a tragic end.

Hope can be a \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and when it withers, it's difficult to revive. And hopelessness, as a disease of the human \_\_\_\_\_ and spirit, is desperately hard to cure.

Luke tells us a stranger comes alongside them—we know the mysterious stranger is Jesus, but we're told the two disciples didn't \_\_\_\_\_ Him. However, by the end of this encounter, their lives would never be the same again.

Luke is giving us these details for two reasons: to increase our \_\_\_\_\_ in the reality of Jesus' resurrection and to teach us something about the \_\_\_\_\_ we have in the risen Jesus.

The reason for the disciple's hopelessness and loss of faith in light of the events that had happened in Jerusalem was grounded in the fact that they didn't understand and believe the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Consequence #1. They underestimated \_\_\_\_\_.**

You get the feeling in the opening verses that a deep \_\_\_\_\_ pervades this passage.

Like the women who went to the tomb, they loved Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ Him. However, as much as they loved and trusted Him, they didn't trust Him enough and didn't believe His Word enough to understand what was happening—even though He'd told them several times that He'd \_\_\_\_\_ again on the third day.

“Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a Man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people...We had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel.” (Luke 24:19 & 21)

They were able to say two things about Jesus: that they believed He was a prophet of God, and that He was the Messiah. Both of those things are true, however, Jesus is so much more than that. He's God in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Jewish people had been waiting for over 700 years for a Messiah who'd come and bring deliverance. However, it never occurred to them that God Himself would come in the \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver them! And so, they didn't \_\_\_\_\_ Him when He came.

“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken...” (Luke 24:25)

Although I suspect His tone was \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus makes it clear that they'd failed to believe the Word of God.

It's interesting that Jesus doesn't come alongside them and \_\_\_\_\_ open their eyes to see Him. In fact, in verse 16 we're told that “their eyes were kept from recognizing Him

This is \_\_\_\_\_ to the story because Jesus wanted to take them somewhere. He wanted to take them to the \_\_\_\_\_!

“Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.” (Luke 24:27)

The two travellers grieved because they couldn't make sense of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Looking through their \_\_\_\_\_ eyes, the cross went against everything they believed to be true about the Messiah—it was \_\_\_\_\_.

The stranger helped them to see the cross through different eyes—He showed them that the cross was a \_\_\_\_\_ act of God, and helped them make the connection between not only the cross and everything Scripture said about the Messiah, but also the connection between the cross and their own \_\_\_\_\_.

“In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them.” (2 Corinthians 5:19)

Finally, the two travellers could risk \_\_\_\_\_ again because they had a new understanding.

The remedy for this was the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word and its testimony to Jesus, working deep down in their \_\_\_\_\_; to see all that had occurred in light of the truth of the Word of God and to believe it to be true.

They had built their \_\_\_\_\_ around Jesus even though Christians in every generation since the New Testament was completed have known more \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus is than they did at that moment.

**Given all that you know about Him, have you built your life around Jesus?**

**Is every beat of your heart wrapped up in Him?**

**Have you made the connection between the cross and your own life?**

**Consequence #2. They Underestimated \_\_\_\_\_.**

“We had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel.” (Luke 24:21)

These words are evidence that this story wasn’t \_\_\_\_\_. What I mean by that is, if it had been made up by someone forty years later in the Christian era, the focus wouldn’t have been on Israel, but on the \_\_\_\_\_—Jews and Gentiles alike.

However, these words are an authentic \_\_\_\_\_ of what a pious Jewish believer would’ve hoped for in regards to the Messiah.

This belief, however, underestimated the \_\_\_\_\_ of the redemption that God was going to undertake.

“...was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” (Luke 24:27)

God’s plan of salvation wasn’t a \_\_\_\_\_ or political coup; it was the death of His suffering \_\_\_\_\_.

“He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:3-5)

The \_\_\_\_\_ wasn’t a part of their Messianic expectations.

**Do we fully appreciate the cost of our redemption?**

**Do we fully appreciate what Jesus did for us on the Cross?**

**Consequence #3. They underestimated \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.” (Lk 24:21)

They know something \_\_\_\_\_ would happen on this day.

“As they gathered again in Galilee, Jesus told them, ‘The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.’” (Matthew 17:22-23)

Everyone looking at the cross on that first Good Friday saw only \_\_\_\_\_ and death. Similarly, these two guys looked at this event and thought the world had come to an \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke is telling us this because he wants us to be assured, and \_\_\_\_\_ of, the reality of the resurrection. He wants us to believe that God is always able to do \_\_\_\_\_ than we can ask or imagine! We expect endings, and He gives us new \_\_\_\_\_. We bring our grief, and He meets us with \_\_\_\_\_.

Because in this very event which they see as the end of the world, God has revealed His \_\_\_\_\_, and uses it as an opportunity to display His \_\_\_\_\_ in His redemption.

However, it’s when we’re in this place, that God has us right where He wants us, and we have no idea of the \_\_\_\_\_ that He’s capable of giving us when we believe and \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

No rug can be pulled out from under us when our \_\_\_\_\_ is in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. No circumstance can rob us of the \_\_\_\_\_ hope we have in Him.

**Where do you need to experience the power of resurrection in your life?**