

Burning Hearts

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Friend of Jesus / Emmaus; Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus / Luke 24:13–33

The utter disappointment that the disciples felt leaving Jerusalem that day was based on false expectations and bad theology. As Jesus was able to correct each of those there disappointment was turned to joy.

- Previous Sermon,
 - Resurrection Day.
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- This sermon,
 - resurrection Sunday.
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- Left this out,
 - such a good story.
 - sermon of its own.

The Journey

Luke 24:13-14 ESV

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

- Passover
 - large crowds
 - travel together
 - talk along way
- Not going home yet
 - festival not half over.
- Large crowds
- Too many to sleep
 - in town
- Walk back and forth from
 - other suburbs.

- Or maybe,
 - just want to be home
 - after all that happened.
- Walking along
 - 7 miles
 - Not that far
 - Not too rough.
 - Maybe 3-4 hours
- When they arrived
 - it was nearly sunset
- The sun would set
 - around 7pm.
- Probably started
 - around 3pm.

- If this is true,
 - that means
 - they already heard
 - story of women at tomb.
 - Their mind is blinded.
 - Struggling with:
1. Faith in Jesus
 2. Unmet Expectations
 3. Inaccurate Theology

The Question

Luke 24:15-17 ESV

While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.

- Jesus shows up.

- They don't recognize him.
- Look sad
 - talking sad.
- Jesus asks,
 - what are you talking about?
- NKJV says:

Luke 24:17 NKJV

And He said to them, "What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

- What is this sad conversation you are having?
- They were sad,
 - it was obvious.
 - depression...

Depression

- Two disciples
 - very depressed.
 - sad
 - no hope
 - no future
 - discouraged.
- Depression is often
 1. Unmet Expectations
 2. Inaccurate Ideas
- They had both.
 - Many today.
 - experience same.

› Marriage Counseling

› Unmet expectation.

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Luke 24:18 ESV

Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

- Lots of visitors
 - Passover Week
- Jesus plays dumb

[Luke 24:19](#) (ESV)

And he said to them, “What things?”

(When sharing the truth...

(Don't share everything...)

(ask question...)

- Jesus get them talking

- They answer:

[Luke 24:19-20](#) (ESV)

And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

- I can’t believe
 - you didn’t hear
 - about this man.

- You must be
 - from far away.

- Next sentence
 - saddest words:

[Luke 24:21](#) (ESV)

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

- We thought...
 - we hoped...
 - we believed...
 - This Jesus was
 - redeem Israel.

› Unmet Expectations

- What was there
 - expectation?
- This Jesus
 - redeem Israel.
- Redeem how?
 - overthrow Romans
 - conquer nations
 - Davidic Kingdom

- World Superpower.
- Their expectation???
- Worldly honor.
- Worldly Power.

So often,

unmet expectations

breed

disappointment

anger

resentment

Solution?

don't expect...

People are humans

they will let you down.

- They continue

Luke 24:21 ESV

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

- The third day...???
- Mentioned this last week.
- Jesus had predicted:

Luke 9:22 ESV

saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

- Jesus enemies remember:

Matthew 27:63 ESV

and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’

- Jesus disciples don’t!
- Mind is clouded.
- unmet expectations

- Inaccurate theology.

- They continue:

Luke 24:22–24 ESV

Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

- They know stories...!!!
 - heard about tomb.
 - heard about angels
 - saw tomb empty...
 - Jesus is walking beside them!!!!
- Yet!!!
 - they still don't believe.
- Think about this.
 - Jesus could have

- just revealed himself.
- Conversation would
 - be over.
 - All is well.
- Problem:
 - He need to address
 - underlying issue:

1. **False Expectations**

2. **Inaccurate Theology**

So Jesus answers:

Luke 24:25–26 ESV

And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

- Jesus says,

- he had to die.
 - in order to
 - fulfill scripture...
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- To them,
 - this is a new thought...
 - never crossed their mind...
 - Stuck in idea.
 - Jesus is army leader.

Luke 24:27 ESV

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

- So Jesus unpacks
 - all the prophecies.
- Imagine that Bible study.
 - Jesus unpacks
 - not just scripture...

- Truth after truth
 - previously unable
 - to hear...
- Bible hits them
 - as new truth!

Inaccurate Theology

- Many people
 - have false ideas
 - about 2nd coming.
- **Secret Rapture**
- **Importance Modern Israel**
- **Spiritualism**
- **Antinomianism**
- False Theology

- creates
 - Erroneous Expectations

- Erroneous Expectations
 - creates
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 - Deep Disappointments

- False Teachings
 - Create Disastrous
 - results.

- Some say,
 - don't worry,
 - They are wrong,
 - but they will
 - figure it out.

- Will they?
 - At what cost?

- Partly what led
 - to Judas betrayal.

- If he understood
 - Christ's mission accurately
 - would not have
 - betrayed him.

- We Must understand
 - God's Word Accurately!

Example

Rapture

Spiritualism

Israel

The Invitation

Luke 24:28–29 ESV

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.

- The pushed their invitation
 - They had learned much
 - Didn’t want it to end.

› Saints...

- › How is your time with Jesus?
- › Is it sweet?
- › Do you long for more?
- › Do you seek His presence?

Desire of Ages Chapter 83—The Walk to Emmaus

Had the disciples failed to press their invitation, they would not have known that their traveling companion was the risen Lord. Christ never forces His company upon anyone. He interests Himself in those who need Him. Gladly will He enter the humblest home, and cheer the lowliest heart. But if men are too indifferent to think of the heavenly Guest, or ask Him to abide with them, He passes on. Thus many meet with great loss. They do not know Christ any more

than did the disciples as He walked with them by the way.

- Jesus only stays
 - where He is welcomed.
- Let's take time
 - to welcome Him.

Appearing and Disappearing

Luke 24:30-31 ESV

When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

- Jesus says
 - blessing.
- They recognize him.
- Immediately
 - He disappears.

- appears
 - disappears
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- They can't believe it!
 - It was Jesus
 - the whole time!!!
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- They kick themselves
 - how could we be
 - so blind???
 - false theology
 - false expectations
 - blindness
 - depression

Luke 24:32 ESV

They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

- Title of sermon

Burning Hearts

- They pondered
 - what do we do???

[Luke 24:33](#) (ESV)

And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.

- Their hearts burned.
 - Power and Joy
- No more
 - sadness
 - depression
 - bad attitude
 - false theology
 - unmet expectations

- Abundant Joy!!!
 - They couldn't keep
 - it to themselves.

- Run back
 - to share news.

- Running back
 - dark now
 - no light
 - no candle
 - no torch
 - rock
 - ravines
 - water crossings
 - robbers
 - dangers

- All because
 - they had good news.

- So different now
 - same road
 - same rocks
 - same hills
 - same valleys
 - same creeks

- He is risen..
 - even more.

- I understand why He died.

- Way back,
 - Jesus with them.
 - walking all the way.

The Joy

Luke 24:33-35 ESV

And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- Everyone talking
 - What I saw.
 - What I heard.
 - He is alive.

Luke 24:36 ESV

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”

- Jesus was there.
 - listening to stories!!!
- Allowing them.
 - make sense

- come to faith.
 - address false theology
 - remove unmet expectations
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- God is good.
 - Leads us enough
 - to make clear thoughts.
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- Helps us study
 - find answers.
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- Those who study
 - he will lead.
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- Those who care
 - will get answers.

Matthew 7:7-8 ESV

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

