

SAD ROAD HOME INTERRUPTED

I. Luke 24:13-49

A. Today's Resurrection Day account comes to us from Dr. Luke. It's the story of two unknown followers of Jesus on their way home from Jerusalem on Easter Sunday, two people who believe Jesus' tomb is still occupied. Two souls very disillusioned. But then their sad walk home gets interrupted...

B. Luke 24:13-24 *"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. 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. 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?" 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. 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. 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."*

- 1) Two very sad people are heading home disillusioned and confused...
- 2) This side of heaven we do not know why Jesus chose these two to walk with but the fact that He did choose these two should encourage and inspire us all...

C. Luke 24:25-32 *"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?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. 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. 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. 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?"*

- 1) I would love to be able to hear the podcast of this road sermon by Jesus!
- 2) What was it when He broke bread that made them see? Maybe they were present when He fed the 5000 or the 4000; maybe it was another time when they casually ate with Him; maybe they saw the wounds in His hands...

D. Are there any takeaways for us here? The biggest takeaway is the story all by itself. (*The DNA of the Gospel is in every morsel of God's Word...*) Jesus, on Resurrection Day, chooses two random people to walk 7 miles with and to teach them all the OT has to say about the Gospel--His own death and resurrection! How awesome is that!

E. Jesus turned their mourning into dancing! Jesus turned their deep sadness into unspeakable joy! Weeping may have lasted for three days but joy cometh that amazing Sunday evening! Could He not do the same for you and me?

* Close with Prayer...

Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

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Edifying Video Clips

The Significance of Christ's Appearance on the Road to Emmaus - Joel Bradberry

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/video/what-is-the-significance-of-christ-s-appearance-on-the-road-to-emmaus-in-luke-24-13-35-joel-bradberry.html>

The Road To Emmaus - Luke 24:13-35

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0e5d3rPs-w&NR=1>

Abby Guinness Telling of Luke 24:13-35

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UE1jMwROK04>

"The Road to Emmaus" - Bill Gaither Vocal Band

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnGmkyQacWY>

Famous Painting "Supper at Emmaus" by Caravaggio - 1601

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urZM4EMHsB4>

A Man Fell In A Hole

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg-wqM8Q0ds&feature=related>

Brian Brodersen Interview by Ken Sutton - Response to Strange Fire Conference

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv3ZXcsWWYQ>

Bonus Stuff

Mark 16:12-13 (ESV)

12 After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. **13** And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Jesus' Appearances After His Resurrection

Student's Life Application Study Bible

The truth of Christianity rests heavily on the Resurrection. If Jesus rose from the grave, who saw him? How trustworthy were the witnesses? Those who claimed to have seen the risen Jesus went on to turn the world upside down. Most of them also died for being followers of Christ. People rarely die for halfhearted belief. These are people who saw Jesus risen from the grave:

Mary Magdalene: Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18

The other women at the tomb: Matthew 28:8-10

Peter in Jerusalem: Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5

The two travelers on the road: Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-35

Ten disciples behind closed doors: Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25

All the disciples, with Thomas (*excluding Judas Iscariot*): John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5

Seven disciples while fishing: John 21:1-14

Eleven disciples on the mountain: Matthew 28:16-20

A crowd of more than five hundred: 1 Corinthians 15:6

Jesus' brother James: 1 Corinthians 15:7

Those who watched Jesus ascend into heaven: Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8

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Who Are You Anyway?

By Ray Stedman

"I am a son of God among the sons of men. I am equipped with the power of God to labor today. In the very work given me today God will be with me, doing it through me. I am gifted with special abilities to help people in various areas, and I don't have to wait until Sunday to use these gifts. I can use them anywhere. I can exercise the gift God has given me as soon as I find out what it is, by taking note of my desires and by asking others what they see in me and by trying out various things. I am going to set myself to the lifelong task of keeping that gift busy."

- Ray C. Stedman, From Guilt To Glory, Vol. 2, *Reveling in God's Salvation* (Portland, Oregon, Multnomah Press, 1978), page 118.

Admiral Charley Walmart Greeter

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Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time.

Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late... but he was a good worker--really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded, a real credit to the company and obviously was good at demonstrating their "*Older Person Friendly*" policies.

One day, the boss called him into the office for a talk. "*Charley, I have to tell you: I like your work ethic, you do a bang up job; but your being late so often is quite bothersome.*" "Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it."

"*Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd, though—you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say if you came in late there?*"

"They said, "*Good morning, Admiral, can I get you coffee, sir?*"

Mistaken Identity

Author Unknown

With his request approved, the CNN News cameraman quickly used his cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "*Let's go!*" The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the cameraman instructed the pilot, "*Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can get shots of the fires on the hillsides.*" "*Why?*" asked the pilot. "*Because I'm a cameraman for CNN,*" he responded, "*and I need to get some close up shots.*" The pilot was strangely silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "*So, what you're telling me, is...you're not my flight instructor?*"