



INTRODUCTION: Luke 24 deals with the week after Easter. Jesus was crucified, put in a tomb, came out of that tomb and was seen. While some of his disciples were convinced, others were not fully convinced. They were half believing and half doubting.

Two of them had taken a trip to a place called Emmaus, which is a beautiful little village about seven miles from the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified, buried and raised. These two disciples were, no doubt, discouraged and burdened.

I. THE DISCOURAGEMENT OF A CONFUSED HEART (LUKE 24:21)

These men had heard the reports of the Resurrection, but doubt had caused them to be discouraged. They had a misunderstanding which led to disappointment which led to doubt, and doubt led to discouragement.

The misunderstanding was that they were looking for a political Messiah. They were looking for Jesus to come and redeem Israel and it had not happened.

II. THE DISCOVERY OF A CHALLENGED HEART

Jesus met with these two disciples and He challenged them with the Word of God.

A. JESUS SOUGHT THEM (LUKE 24:15)

He didn't seek them to condemn them or to condone them. He just came to claim them and comfort them. Surely if God will seek us when we are lost, He'll seek us when we are saved and away from Him.

B. JESUS CAUGHT THEM (LUKE 24:15)

John 17:12, "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled."

C. JESUS TAUGHT THEM (LUKE 24:27-32)

1. THE METHOD (LUKE 24:31-32)

There are two things that the Lord has to open for us when we are confused and discouraged: First He has to open to us the Scriptures and then He has to open our spiritual eyes (Luke 24:31).

They had known Him, seen Him, sat under His teaching and yet didn't recognize Him (Luke 24:16). We see from verse 16 that perhaps He hadn't changed, but their vision was supernaturally distorted. But why?

Jesus is trying to transfer their dependence from His physical presence, to a complete dependence on the Word of God. He was opening their eyes to see Him now, not after the flesh, but by the Holy Spirit in the Word of God. He is ascending into Heaven, but He is leaving His Word and He will soon leave His Spirit (24:32).

2. THE MESSAGE (LUKE 24:27)

Verse 27 doesn't say, "he expounded unto them all the scriptures that concern himself." No, He says, "he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." That means that Jesus is in all the scriptures.

All of the Old Testament has the exact same message as the New Testament, and that message is Jesus Christ.

John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

III. THE DECLARATION OF A CONVINCED HEART (LUKE 24:28-29)

There are many times in the Bible where Jesus makes as if He wants to get away from us to see what we'll do. Here are two examples:

- When Jacob wrestled with the angel, the angel, Jesus, said, "Let me go." Jacob replied, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."
- A Syrophenician woman had a demon possessed daughter and she asked Jesus to heal her. Jesus said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." He called her a dog. He didn't mean it, He just wanted to see her faith. She responded, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Jesus replied, "O woman, great is thy faith!"

It seems many times like the Lord is trying to get away from us, but what He really wants is for us to pursue Him.

Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

CONCLUSION: (Luke 24:29-36) These disciples are now gathered together and talking about these events, and they come to a new conclusion, and this is the conclusion you must come to as well: Not "He is Risen", but rather, "He is Risen **INDEED!**" (Luke 24:34)