

## The Power of an Explanation – Luke 24

- I. Introduction – Jesus is Risen!
  - a. How does Jesus reveal Himself to people today?
- II. Luke 24 –

1But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; 5and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead? 6“He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” 8And they remembered His words, 9and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. 11But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

*The Road to Emmaus* 13And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. 16But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. 17And He said to them, “What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?” 19And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, 20and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. 21“But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. 22“But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, 23and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. 24“Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” 25And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26“Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” 27Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

28And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. 29But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. 30When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them. 31Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?” 33And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, 34saying, “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

- III. 2 Reasons people put their faith in Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection:
  - a. People believe in the resurrection of Jesus because it is based on a \_\_\_\_\_ report, not a legendary tale.

- i. You wouldn’t use \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses as your main eye-witnesses.

- ii. The risen, triumphant Savior of the world wouldn’t be so \_\_\_\_\_.

- iii. Jesus' most loyal followers \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. People believe in Jesus because of the power of \_\_\_\_\_, the power of the \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 13-32)

How does Jesus, the greatest teacher of all time, get these people's hearts to burn?

- i. He asks \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal their ignorance.
- ii. He \_\_\_\_\_ who the Messiah is

John Calvin, writing in the preface to Pierre-Robert Olivétan's 1535 translation of the New Testament.

*He [Christ] is Isaac, the beloved Son of the Father who was offered as a sacrifice, but nevertheless did not succumb to the power of death.*

*He is Jacob the watchful shepherd, who has such great care for the sheep which he guards.*

*He is the good and compassionate brother Joseph, who in his glory was not ashamed to acknowledge his brothers, however lowly and abject their condition.*

*He is the great sacrificer and bishop Melchizedek, who has offered an eternal sacrifice once for all.*

*He is the sovereign lawgiver Moses, writing his law on the tables of our hearts by his Spirit.*

*He is the faithful captain and guide Joshua, to lead us to the Promised Land.*

*He is the victorious and noble king David, bringing by his hand all rebellious power to subjection.*

*He is the magnificent and triumphant king Solomon, governing his kingdom in peace and prosperity.*

*He is the strong and powerful Samson, who by his death has overwhelmed all his enemies.*

*This is what we should in short seek in the whole of Scripture: truly to know Jesus Christ, and the infinite riches that are comprised in him and are offered to us by him from God the Father. If one were to sift thoroughly the Law and the Prophets, he would not find a single word which would not draw and bring us to him. . . . Therefore, rightly does Saint Paul say in another passage that he would know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*