

After the Resurrection

Luke 24: 13-53

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Intro

- Men's retreat (a great place to focus on godly issues for men **and** to build some godly friendships).

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We pick up the story on the very day of the resurrection. Two men are walking away from Jerusalem and going to their home in the town of Emmaus. While they are walking they are discussing the things that have happened.

Suddenly Jesus appears with them and a discussion follows of great importance. Jesus reveals why it must be that the Messiah would suffer and rise again and that **the entire old covenant is fulfilled in Jesus.**

Matt 5:17-18 says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill."

This is about understanding all that's behind the name of Jesus.

I. It Starts with Giving up Our Expectations.

Vs 21

A. They were hoping He would redeem Israel.

Illus – Joshua and the man with a sword in his hand...

- "Are you for my agenda, or the agenda of my enemies?"

B. Giving up our agenda is the first step in discovering His.

- Not my will, but yours be done.

C. It's not what we want Jesus to do for us, but what He wants us to do for Him.

- We get so disappointed when the Lord doesn't fulfill our expectations of what we thought He should do. But trusting that He has the very best plan allows us to live victorious in heart as well as in action.

II. All of God's Promises are Fulfilled in Jesus.

Vs 27, 45

A. All of the Old Testament points to Jesus.

- Heb 9 & 10. The old is just a shadow of Jesus.

B. How much do we need to know to be saved?

Illus – Walter Chrysler was a master mechanic on a railroad and bought his first car when he was 35. He wouldn't drive it for 3 months because he took it completely apart and reassembled it. He wouldn't drive it until he understood it completely.

C. The basics are enough to be saved.

- But why stay there?

Illus – When we were kids we used to play with toy trucks...

III. We Need to Be Clothed with Power From on High.

Vs 49

- A. Knowledge is not enough.

- B. We need to be changed by the Power of God within us.
 - That means the character of Christ is seen in our lives.

- C. He puts His glory in earthen vessels.
 - That the world may see Christ in us.

Conclusion

He changed the world with the Spirit filled disciples. He wants to change our world as well. He will use us as we are changed by the presence of God within us.