

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Luke 24:13-35

THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

- ▶ Day of wonder, doubt, dejection, bewilderment, anticipation, joy, and great emotion
 - ▶ Jesus appeared to two disciples and gave them multiple reasons to believe in Him
- ▶ Are we walking with Jesus on the road ... to heaven?
 - ▶ Do we "see" Jesus?
 - ▶ Hebrews 2:9 – "... we see him ... crowned with glory and honor ..."
 - ▶ Hebrews 12:2 – "looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith"

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: A ROAD OF DOUBT

- ▶ Their expectations had not materialized (see verses 21, 25-27)
- ▶ We also can doubt and lose faith
 - ▶ Hebrews 6:9-12 – "... not so unjust as to overlook your work ..."
 - ▶ Hebrews 4:11 – "... fall by the same sort of disobedience"
 - ▶ Revelation 14:13 – "... rest from their labors"

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: A ROAD OF DOUBT

- ▶ But we are admonished to:
 - ▶ Pray always
 - ▶ Luke 18:1 – "... not lose heart"
 - ▶ Have a patient faith
 - ▶ James 5:7-8 – "You also, be patient"
 - ▶ Trust God
 - ▶ I John 5:14-15 – "... the confidence that we have toward him"
 - ▶ I John 3:22 – "we have confidence before God"
 - ▶ Not become weary
 - ▶ Galatians 6:9 – "let us not grow weary ..."

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: A ROAD OF DOUBT

- ▶ They still held Jesus to be a prophet of God
 - ▶ Luke 24:19 – "a prophet mighty in deed ..."
- ▶ But His death dashed their Messianic hope
 - ▶ Luke 24:20-21 – "But we had hoped that he was the one ..."
- ▶ We can't have a half-hearted faith in Jesus
 - ▶ John 5:17 – "... I am working"
 - ▶ John 8:58 – "before Abraham was, I am"
 - ▶ John 10:30 – "I and the Father are one"

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: A ROAD OF DOUBT

- ▶ Bewildered over reports that Jesus was alive
 - ▶ Luke 24:22-24 – "... angels, who said that he was alive" (see Verses 6-12)
 - ▶ Peter and John
 - ▶ John 20:1-10 – "... as yet they did not understand ..."
 - ▶ Report of Mary
 - ▶ John 20:11-18 – "I have seen the Lord"
 - ▶ Their reports were not believed
 - ▶ Mark 16:12-13 – "... they did not believe"
 - ▶ Sometimes truth stares us in the face and we just won't see it
 - ▶ Luke 24:25 – "Did not our hearts burn ..."

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: A ROAD OF FAITH

- ▶ Words of eyewitnesses are powerful evidence for faith
 - ▶ II Peter 1:16-21 – "... we were eyewitnesses of his majesty"
- ▶ The words of the prophets lead us
 - ▶ I Peter 1:10-11 – "Concerning this salvation"
 - ▶ John 12:37-38, 41 – "Isaiah said these things"
- ▶ Unbelief is removed when Scriptures are explained
 - ▶ Acts 8:29-38 – "How can I, unless someone guides me?"
- ▶ We can recognize Jesus
 - ▶ Acts 26:15-18 – "... to open their eyes"

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: A ROAD OF ACTION

- ▶ Hospitality
 - ▶ Hebrews 13:1-2 – "Do not neglect to show hospitality ..."
- ▶ Fervor and emotion
 - ▶ Luke 24:31-32 – "Did not our hearts burn within us ..."
- ▶ They immediately acted to spread the news
 - ▶ Luke 24:33-35 – "And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem"
 - ▶ Mark 16:13 – "went back and told the rest"
 - ▶ The news too good to remain silent
 - ▶ Acts 8:4 – "went about preaching"

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS WAS:

- ▶ A road of doubt
 - ▶ A road of faith
 - ▶ A road of action
- ▶ Mark 16:15 – "And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'"

Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – "... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- I John 3:23-24 – "... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ..."

Obeying The Gospel

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – "... with the mouth one confesses and is saved"

Obeying The Gospel

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you ..."

Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain"