

Resurrection Day He Was Known to Them Luke 24

Heb 3:1 NKJV - Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,...

Easter Resurrection Sunday

- Coincides with spring.
- Easter bunnies
- Eggs
- Fertility
- Babylonian resurrection story of Ishtar...
- Catholic church taking over Roman religion

Those things are not the truth!

They are a fleshly, man-centered, earth-focused idea of new life and procreation

**We have the true story and in fact, true power of real new life,
ETERNAL new life Through Jesus**

The enemy will do anything to distract from that.

*Do I mind chocolate bunnies? No, they are delicious. Are they fun for kids? yes.
But are they necessary?*

So much in life is fine, just not necessary. I just simply want the best. Call me selfish. I've had what the world offers, and I've had what God gives, and God's focus is better

Col 3:1-4 NKJV - If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ [who is] our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

I don't want to be distracted. I don't want you to be distracted.

**The focus of our Easter, of our Resurrection Day, (I still love Mia's Hosanna Day...)
Is Jesus. It will always be Jesus. There are no bunnies in heaven.**

Luke 24:1-12

Very first day of the week...Sunday

This is one reason we have church on Sunday

Not to remember Sabbath, but to celebrate the Resurrection, our true rest

They were greatly perplexed!

I think a lot of us are greatly perplexed before we come to know the risen Lord

Even if we've been in the church

Sadly, I think we might still be perplexed when we encounter the evidence of a risen life

Why do you seek the living among the dead?

The angels remind them of Jesus' words

How often do we forget the words of Jesus when we're perplexed.

Maybe we wouldn't be perplexed if we stopped to remember.

Jhn 14:26 NKJV - "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

They remembered...

God will remind us, but we must also remember and believe when we are reminded

It's the sure words of Jesus that will give us confidence

They tell the apostles

Like idle tales...NONSENSE...TO THE SOON TO BE APOSTLES

We think the disciples were perfect sometimes...they were just like us, especially before the Holy Spirit was given at pentecost.

Idle tales? Did they themselves not remember the words of the Lord?

If we're not in the word, we won't remember the word

But the very apostles would go on to spread the word

Rom 10:13-15 NKJV - For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And

how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

I love that it was Peter that arose and went to the tomb to see for himself

He was still grieving from the loss of Jesus and his own betrayal of him

He couldn't sit around

Wonder, marvel, have in admiration

Wow, this is amazing

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Two of them...these were not of the 12 (11). These were some of the other people who would show up and believed in Him, but weren't full-time disciples

Simon, Cleopas

Emmaus - Warm Baths

Were they going for a spa treatment? I don't know.

They were talking and reasoning...having a really good, thoughtful, logical, getting to the root of it conversation.

Jesus himself drew near...and went with them

Mat 18:20 NKJV - "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

For discipline...but I know the heart of the Lord is that he can't and won't stay away from a conversation where people are truly talking about him

Their eyes were restrained

Jesus didn't want to appear to them with their earthly eyes

Telling kids parable of earthly and heavenly eyes

Interesting, one definition of the word is: "of death continuing to hold one"

How often do we miss Jesus, even when he's right in front of us, because we're still looking at death, believing only in what we currently know or can handle, and not looking for the possibility of life, especially eternal life

Heb 11:1 NKJV - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

They were sad! Jesus had died!

Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem? A little flabbergasted this man had no idea what had been going on those past three years

Jesus asks...what things...i can see a smile on his face, or at least holding one back, wanting to get these men to share their hearts on the matter

Sometimes when we're perplexed, God wants us to tell him what we're thinking and feeling about the situation. To get us to the core of our being perplexed...a wrong assumption/belief about what or why something is happening

astonished

to throw out of position, displace

to amaze, to astonish, throw into wonderment

to be amazed, astounded

to be out of one's mind, besides one's self, insane

Not quite the same reaction of idle words, but certainly blown away by the idea

Slow of heart to believe in the prophets that have spoken

Luk 16:27-31 NKJV - "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' "And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' "But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

**Can you imagine this? From Moses and the Prophets
An almost entire OT study with Jesus**

All the scriptures concerning himself! That's the point of everything in the old testament...the ultimate end of the law and the prophets...Jesus

Mat 5:17-18 NKJV - "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

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They were at Emmaus...he wanted to keep going! I wonder where Jesus was going to go if they had gone with him.

He went with them. His plans would work out, and they were a part of his plans

**He did what he always did...what he did at the last supper
It's then that their eyes were opened and they knew who he was.**

He vanished...as soon as their spiritual eyes were opened, their physical seeing of him didn't matter any more

**He didn't want a miracle, a physical manifestation to be their belief
But one through the word**

"The confidence of heaven is the Word of God"

**Did not our hearts burn?
Doesn't yours when you hear God speak of himself through the scripture?
Don't you hunger and long for more?
Aren't you astonished and amazed like one in love?**

If not...are you seeking the living among the dead?

**They couldn't wait...that same hour...
They wolfed down their meal and headed out**

They told the whole story (what we just read)

And that he was known to them in the breaking of bread

Ginosko - intimate knowledge

Communion - intimate connection with Jesus

That's what he wants. That's where He's really known.

Not in knowing of the scriptures, but knowing Him through the scriptures and communion - not the act of juice and bread, but the intimacy of faith in the one the scriptures reveal

Do you KNOW Jesus today?

Are you perplexed?

Are you amazed?

Does it all seem like some insane fable?

Let Him open your eyes to truly see him

He wants to appear to you

But you must be willing to see him...find him...

Like the two part-time disciples...who had a political view of Jesus, and they didn't understand when it didn't work out the way they had believed

Jer 29:13 KJV - And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Let's seek him. Let's commune with Him.

We've had his word. Let's let him reveal himself to us, through communion this morning.

This Resurrection morning.