

The Road to Emmaus

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Introduction: Have you ever had events that drained your motivation and caused you to ponder and do nothing?

- A. Two men, Cleopas and an unnamed man were in such a situation. **(Luke 24:13-24)**
 - 1. Events had shaken their confidence to the point where the redemption of Israel was considered a past failed event!
 - 2. They had come to believe that Jesus was a prophet, but not the Son of God.
- B. In these circumstances they proved to be blind to many things.
 - 1. While they heard of the evidence of His resurrection, they had not yet believed.
 - 2. They never understood the prophecies of a suffering and rejected Messiah!
(Isa 52:13-15)

#20 GB – Exalted - 1, 2, 3

I. Hindrances to seeing the Risen Lord

- A. **By failing to see the true spiritual work of His kingdom.**
 - 1. They likely thought the redemption of Israel was going to be in a physical way.
(Luke 24:21; Mt 20:21-22; Acts 1:6-8)
 - 2. Many become disappointed in the Lord over things He has never promised.

#64 GB – For You Have Promised – 1, 3, 4

- B. **By allowing disappointments in men to cloud our sight.**
 - 1. Jesus prepared His disciples that men would seek after their hurt. **(John 16:1-3)**
 - 2. The greatest hurts will come from other Christians.
 - 3. Paul knew there were those who were not true brothers. **(2 Cor 11:26; Gal 2:4)**
 - 4. Keep you eyes on the Lord! **(Rom 3:3-4)**

#53 GB – The Rock of My Heart – 1, 2, 3

- C. **By allowing the tests of our faith to cloud our sight.**
 - 1. How many have said: “If God really loved me ...”. Be careful!
 - 2. We are told that our faith will be tested. **(Jas 1:3; 1 Pt 1:7)**
 - 3. How many have given in to sin rather than wait on God’s way. **(Heb 10:35-39)**

#147 GB – Be Strong and Courageous - 1, 2, 3

II. The fire of God’s truth can purify our hearts.

- A. These men had reached the point where they could not see. **(Lk 24:21-33)**
 - 1. They had become so entrenched in their erroneous thinking that they could not see the truth. How did Jesus get them to see?
 - 2. He did not appeal to their “self-esteem” or appeal to their emotions. These things are not a foundation but often are a hindrance.

#126 BB – Open My Eyes, That I May See – 1, 2

- B. Jesus instilled faith in these men by appealing to the scriptures!
1. Rather than being a calamity, His death was a victory. **(Lk 24:25-27)**
 2. This was no shallow study of a verse or two but: “beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures”.
 3. Where is your faith? Is it built upon this foundation?
 4. Some passages He could have used. **(Isa 7:14; Mic 5:2; Isa 53; Psa 22)**

#112 BB – Teach Me Thy Way - 1, 3, 4

- C. Many are afraid to build their lives on such a foundation. **(Matt 7:24-27)**
1. Many do not trust God. They are what they are from tradition and not conviction. **(Heb 11:6)**
 2. Others are afraid to study because they would find they are in error and the scriptures would demand change. **(Jn 3:19-21)**
 3. Still others open the scriptures but not their hearts.

#296 BB – How Firm a Foundation - 1, 2, 3

III. The fire of God’s Truth will move us into action.

- A. Jesus brought this flame into their hearts. **(Lk 24:32)**
1. They were going home to eat a late supper, tired and dejected. But as Jesus spoke the flame began to be kindled. They now see the truth: “He is risen!”
 2. They are energized and hurry back to Jerusalem ready to work.

#174 BB – Christ Arose - 1, 2, 4

- B. One of the great problems we face in the church is the number of good people who have a weak faith.
1. You need not just to have faith, but a strong faith. A weak faith can blind you.
 2. Would you ask the Lord to increase your faith? **(Lk 17:4-6)**
 3. Why not start by filling your heart with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus?

#167 BB – We Saw Thee Not – 2, 3

- C. A living faith will fill your heart and make you active.
1. The early disciples were zealous and caused changes wherever they went. **(Acts 17:6; Acts 8:3-4)**
 2. Let each of us make faith our own! Let us face our doubts and gain strength from God!

Conclusion: Can you see the risen Lord? Is He in your life?

- A. He must be invited in. **(Rev 3:20-22)**
- B. The issue is not “knowing a lot” but “who you know”.

Inv. #576– Faith Is The Victory - 1, 2, 3