

Luke 24:13-36
“Stop The Funeral”

~ INTRO ~

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS...

- Is set to the backdrop of a Sunday morning in Jerusalem...
 - 2,000 years ago.

FROM LUKE’S PERSPECTIVE...

- Here’s what unfolded on that 1st Sunday morning:
 - (v.1) A handful of women showed up at Jesus’ tomb.
 - (v.4) These women were met by two-angels at the gravesite.
 - (v.7) The angels reminded them of what Jesus had told them.
 - (v.10) The women ran to tell the apostles.
 - (v.11) The apostles “*didn’t believe them.*”

THESE GUYS WALKED WITH JESUS...

- For 3-years seeing amazing miracles & changed lives.
- Jesus told them what was going to happen...
 - But they were still disillusioned & mourned His death.

IDEA #1 – WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU STOP BELIEVING

TWO GUYS...

- Leaving Jerusalem going to “*Emmaus.*”

THEY WERE...

- Returning home after the Passover Celebration...
 - Which recognized their deliverance from Egypt...
 - AND pointed them toward the Messiah.

THE SAME FOR US RIGHT NOW...

- We’re recognizing deliverance from sin & death...
 - Because of the resurrection of Christ.

PAUL REMINDS CHRISTIAN’S ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

(1 Cor. 15:1-6)

- This is what’s most important (v.3).

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- Christ died for our sins (v.3).
- He was buried (v.4).
- He was raised from the grave 3-days after His death (v.4).
- He was seen by 500-witnesses who can... confirm this (v.6).

PAUL QUESTIONED CHRISTIAN’S GIVING UP ON THE RESURRECTION

- (1 Cor. 15:12-14)
 - Why are some of you saying there is no resurrection (v.12).
 - If Christ has not been raised your faith is useless (v.14).
 - You’re still guilty of your sins... nothing changed (v.17).

PAUL DECLARED THE CERTAINTY OF THE RESURRECTION

(1 Cor. 15:20)

“... in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead...”

Two definitions of death: (John 11:25-26)

- 1) The loss of physical life – death of our natural bodies.
- 2) Eternal death – The separation of man’s consciousness from God.

GOD DOES NOT WANT ANYBODY...

- To face death without Him.

(1 Cor. 15:56-57) NLT

“For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

THE STORY GOES ON... (Luke 24:15-16)

- They had no idea it was Jesus that was walking & talking with them.

HAS THIS HAPPENED TO YOU?

- God sends someone to encourage you...
 - But you DON’T recognize it’s Him helping you.

WHEN I’M MAD...

- I don’t feel like God is near (but is this really true?)

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WHEN I’M DISAPPOINTED...

- I don’t feel like God cares (is this really true?)

WHEN I’M FRUSTRATED WITH LIFE...

- I don’t see how God is helping me.
 - Where is Jesus?
 - Is He still dead?

CHURCH... JESUS IS WITH HIS PEOPLE – ALWAYS.

- But a faithless response...
 - Can veil His resurrected presence.

IDEA #2 – FACTS WITHOUT FAITH IS LIFELESS

THESE GUYS HAD ALL THE RIGHT **FACTS**...

- But they were missing faith.
 - AND it left them hopeless & disappointed!

- They were walking away from FAITH...
 - (v.21) “we were hoping...”

FACTS:

IT’S THE 3rd DAY...

- The woman were at the tomb & it was empty.
 - The women said they had a vision & Jesus was alive.
- Peter & John went to check it out...
 - BUT they didn’t see Jesus either.

IDEA #3 – RENEWED FAITH

MANY...

- Are familiar with the FACTS of God’s word...
 - BUT it’s only in the place of intimate fellowship ...
 - That a person can **know** Jesus.

(v.31) “they knew Him”

- Greek = (epi-ginos-ko)

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- The unifying of head & heart.
- The hearer becomes a participant in the truth...
 - And NOT a casual observer.

(v.32)

- Their hearts *burned*... they were moved... they understood.

~ IN CLOSING ~

(vv.33-36) NKJV

- They responded in faith with an immediate change of direction.

ON THIS RESURRECTION MORNING...

- 1) May you see Jesus for who He & ACCEPT His love.
- 2) May His grace move you to a fresh & ACTIVE faith.
- 3) May your life be changed with new hope / vision / strength.

STOP THE FUNERAL...

- Jesus is alive... AND... He's ready to help you.