

“The Resurrection of Hope”

Luke 24:13-35

The question: How can you experience the resurrection of hope?

You Must Rethink Redemption—You Need Christ (vv. 13-27)

- The story begins on Easter Sunday. (v. 13)
 - These two disciples were discussing the events of the week. (vv. 14-15)
 - Jesus appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him. (v. 16)
- They questioned Jesus’ understanding of the week’s event. (vv. 17-21)
 - Of course, Jesus was the only visitor to Jerusalem who *knew what had happened*.
 - What wrecked the disciples on the road to Emmaus was not Jesus’ start but Jesus’ finish.
 - They had very high hopes for Jesus.
 - The also had very limited, earthly ideas about redemption.
- They wanted a political solution, but Jesus offered a spiritual solution.
 - And therein lies the question for you and me...
 - If you could “fix” what’s most pressing in your life, what would you fix?
 - What do you think is your greatest problem and your deepest need?
 - When you and I stand before God to give an accounting of our lives, what will we say?
But what will you do when the end comes? (Jeremiah 5:31)
 - Don’t underestimate what you need most, which is the forgiveness of your sins by God.
- Jesus shows them how His death and resurrection are necessary and promised. (vv. 25-27)
 - The Messiah’s suffering was foretold in the Scriptures.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:3-6)

- Jesus did not come primarily to educate, inspire, reform, or enlighten us.
- Jesus came to die for us.

- The Messiah's glory was foretold in the Scriptures.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (Isaiah 53:10)

- So...

- Do you have room for a crucified Messiah?

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:22-24)

- Do you have room for a resurrected Messiah?

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. (Martin Luther)

You Must Receive Revelation—You Must Trust Christ (vv. 28-35)

- We may think that what we need is a personal appearance by Jesus.

- Surely we would believe if Jesus appeared to us, right?
- But they didn't.

- The moment of belief was joined to the message of the gospel. (vv. 30-31)

When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. (Luke 24:30-31)

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

- So, here's the closing challenge...

- Rethink redemption—reckon with sin and your need for forgiveness.
- Receive revelation—hear God's Word and respond today in repentance and faith.