



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 23, 2024

Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-27

[13] That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, [14] and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. [15] While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. [16] But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. [17] And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. [18] Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" [19] And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, [20] and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. [21] But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. [22] Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, [23] and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. [24] Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." [25] And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! [26] Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" [27] And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Discussion Questions

1. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus knew that the women and some of the disciples had witnessed the empty tomb and had heard of the angelic testimony that Jesus was alive. Why then were they still so sad?
2. What is the danger of both "selective listening" and believing in "partial truth" when it comes to the Word of God? Do you do this today? Explain.
3. How does Jesus respond to the two disciples' brokenhearted disillusionment and sadness due to their lack of understanding? What does Jesus' response teach us about His patience when we are fearful, hopeless, and filled with doubt?
4. When we struggle with doubt and fear, we often hope and pray that Jesus would miraculously pull us out of our tribulations and make all things right. However, what do we learn from our passage about how Jesus helps His disciples in their difficult times of need?
5. Why is a deeper, more complete understanding of God's word the better solution to our problems than simply making the problems go away? Do you believe this is true? If so, what do you need to do in order to grow in your understanding of the Word of God?