Sermon Study Equipping Class

Luke 24:1-53

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Luke 24:1-53.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause. There are also some section breaks included in this weeks block diagram shown by spaces between paragraph divisions.

- 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.
- 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
 - 4 While they were perplexed about this,

behold,

two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing;

5 and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them,

"Why do you seek the living One among the dead?

6 He is not here,

but He has risen.

Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee,

7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men,

and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

8 And they remembered His words,

9 and returned from the tomb

and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James;

also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.

11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them.

12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in,

he *saw the linen wrappings only;

and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

13 And behold,

two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.

15 While they were talking and discussing,

Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them.

16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

17 And He said to them,

"What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?"

And they stood still, looking sad.

18 One of them, named Cleopas, <u>answered</u> and <u>said</u> to Him,

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"Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" 19 And He said to them,

"What things?"

And they said to Him,

"The things about Jesus the Nazarene,

who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,

20 and how the chief priests and our rulers <u>delivered</u> Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.

21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.

Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

22 But also some women among us amazed us.

When they were at the tomb early in the morning,

23 and did not find His body,

they <u>came</u>, saying that they had also <u>seen</u> a vision of angels who said that He was alive.

24 Some of those who were with us <u>went</u> to the tomb and <u>found</u> it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not <u>see</u>."

25 And He said to them,

"O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things

and to enter into His glory?"

27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He <u>explained</u> to them the things concerning Himself

in all the Scriptures.

28 And they approached the village where they were going,

and He <u>acted</u> as though He were going farther.

29 But they urged Him, saying,

"Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over."

So He went in to stay with them.

30 When He had reclined at the table with them,

He <u>took</u> the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32 They said to one another,

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road,

while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem,

and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,

34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."

35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

36 While they were telling these things,

He Himself stood in their midst and *said to them,

"Peace be to you."

37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.

38 And He said to them,

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

39<u>See</u> My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself;

touch Me

and see,

for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

40 And when He had said this,

He showed them His hands and His feet.

41 While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement,

He said to them,

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"Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; 43 and He took it and ate it before them. 44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising God. 1. Who came to the tomb? Why were they going there? What was found when they arrived? 2. Who appears to these women? What did they command the women to "remember?" What passages in scripture can you point to (especially in Luke's gospel) from Jesus' ministry where this message was presented? 3. What was their response to this message? Who did they tell?

4. How did the men who heard this message from the ladies respond? Whose response is

uniquely singled out from this group of men?

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| 5. | Who is walking on the road to Emmaus according to verse 13-14? Who joins them? |
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| 6. | Did the two men walking recognize the one who joined? Why/why not? |
| 7. | What did Jesus ask them? How would you describe the response of the two to Jesus' question? |
| | ay 2 uke 24 again. |
| 8. | Notice the description the disciples give of Jesus in verse 19-21. List the aspects of this description. |
| 9. | Consider what is left out of their description of Jesus as well. What was the error in their understanding of Jesus? What did they get wrong? |
| 10. | What is Jesus' response to these two men as they described the recent events. Consider verses 25-27 in particular. |
| 11. | How does Jesus expect these men to know that the Christ was to suffer? List the places from which they were to have known. |

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| 12. Is this expectation of understanding the sufferings of Christ limited to some of the prophets? How do you know? Is this limited to only the prophets? Consider vs 44-45 also. | | | | |
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| 13. Read Isaiah 53:3-11. How does this prophecy anticipate the sufferings of Christ? List the aspects of Christ's suffering and their significance as described in Isaiah 53. | | | | |
| 14. Consider where the writings of Moses predict the sufferings of Christ. List some passages that come to mind. Justify any passages that you list. Read Genesis 3:15 and Exodus 12:5, 13. How might passages like these point to sufferings of Christ as anticipated by Moses? | | | | |
| ❖ Day 3 Read Luke 24 again. | | | | |
| 15. Read Jonah 1:15-17 and Matthew 12:38-41. What do these passages reveal about the Old Testament's prediction of the Christ in the prophets? | | | | |
| 16. Where do the sufferings of Christ get predicted in the Psalms? Justify any passages you list. Read Psalm 22:16-18. How does Psalm 22 anticipate the sufferings of Christ? Was David a prophet? Consider Acts 2:29-30. | | | | |

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| | 17. Theologically speaking, why was it necessary for Christ to suffer? |
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| | 18. How does Jesus reveal himself to the disciples? What does He say when He does so? What is the response of the disciples? |
| | 19. How does Jesus respond to the disciple's fear and doubts? |
| | 20. What is significant about Jesus requesting food after His resurrection? |
| | 21. What eventually happens that leads to the disciples understanding the scriptures? How do they get understanding? What is significant about this? |
| | 22. What does Jesus promise to His disciples near the end of this passage? How did Jesus leave them? Where did He go? |
| In | preparation for Sunday, pray with gratitude for the sufferings of Christ on behalf of those who |

believe. Pray with gratitude for your understanding of these things granted by God.