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Luke Sermon Series
Supports Session 12: Revealed
Sermon Title: "Really Seeing The Savior"
Passage: Luke 24:13-35

Connection to Luke 24

In the two disciples who encountered Jesus on their way to Emmaus, we discover what it means to really see Jesus. The combination of God's Word and the Holy Spirit made it possible for these two disciples to see what they were missing.

Introduction/Opening

The word "see" in English can be used in a couple of ways. It can refer to an optic experience in which a person's eyes observe something. It can also refer to understanding. For example, a child struggling to learn long division may say to his teacher, "I don't understand." After the teacher takes extra time to work with and explain the process of division, the child may say, "Oh, I see now!" He didn't have an optic experience. The child suddenly understood long division.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus saw Jesus but not really. They had an optic experience, but they didn't understand who He was. But after a discussion and dinner, their eyes were opened and they saw! Through the events of the Emmaus road experience Luke explains what it takes for us to really see Jesus.

Outline

1. We see Jesus by the work of God (vv. 13-31).
 - a. As the two despondent and confused disciples made their way to Emmaus, they were discussing Jesus and the events surrounding His crucifixion and resurrection. The two disciples knew Jesus and had seen Him before.
 - b. Along the journey, Jesus joined them, but for some reason they didn't recognize Him. Verse 16 states "But they were prevented from recognizing Him." In Greek, the word "prevented" is a divine passive implying that their inability to recognize Jesus was because the Lord had prevented it, most likely to provide Jesus an opportunity to explain that the Messiah's death and resurrection were not only a fulfillment of prophecy, but also necessary to fulfill God's redemptive plan.
 - c. As they neared Emmaus, the two urged Jesus to stay with them. As they prepared for dinner, Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to them. Luke states in verses 31, "Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him." The word "opened" is also a divine passive explaining that their sudden ability to recognize Jesus was the work of God. The Lord had opened their eyes.

- d. The only way any person can ever see Jesus and understand God's redemptive plan through Him is by the work of God. By His Spirit He convicts the world of the sin of unbelief (John 16:8). Jesus told Peter that his understanding of Jesus' identity was a revelation, not from man, but from God (Matt. 16:17). Paul, in Philippians 2:12-13 wrote "Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose."
- e. Praise God Jesus said in John 12:32 "As for me, if I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all people to myself." Through Jesus' death on a lifted cross, God is at work drawing all men. So, with Paul, we must pray that the perception of the minds of all people may be enlightened so they may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints (Eph. 1:18).

2. We see Jesus through the Word Of God (vv. 25-27).

- a. After the two disciples explained they were discouraged because they had believed Jesus was the Messiah, but His death had shattered their hope, the Lord began explaining the necessity of the Messiah's death and resurrection.
- b. Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, and then with all the Scriptures, Jesus explained that the whole of Scripture pointed toward Him, the necessity of His passion, and God's redemptive plan for Israel and all people.
- c. It is the Word of God that makes a person wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3:15). It is through Scripture that a person learns of God's redemptive plan in Jesus. It is the Bible that teaches that man's sin separates him from God. It is in the Old Testament prophets who prophesied about the saving grace of God that mankind learns about salvation (1 Pet. 1:10). In the Gospels of the New Testament, the world learns the full story of God's love and sacrificial gift of Jesus.

Conclusion

It is the glorious responsibility and honor of Christ followers to pray for God's work, that He would send workers into the harvest (Luke 10:2), that His Spirit would convict the world of the sin of unbelief, and that the perception of the mind of every human would be enlightened to know the hope of His calling (Eph. 1:18). And then we must preach the Word, because "faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ. (Rom. 10:17)

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