

## SERMON SUMMARY

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| <b>Date:</b> April 15, 2007   | 11:00 am Worship Service        |
| <b>Preacher:</b> Rev. Donald Lawrence                                 | <b>Reference:</b> Luke 24:13-35 |
| <b>Topic:</b> Preparing The Way of The Lord...The Day of Resurrection |                                 |



Defeat was never on the cards for Jesus. It was a matter of paying the price to secure salvation, restoration and joy for all who put their trust in Him. Luke portrays Jesus Christ as:

- demonstrating compassion for the disciples
- distinctly correcting the disciples
- definitely convincing the disciples that He is the Risen Christ

Verses 13-18 paints a picture suggesting that the disciples seemed to be depressed. Here we find Jesus listening to reasons for the disciples' depression. Their world was turned upside down, resulting in:

- ◆ unfettered sharing (verses 13-16)
- ◆ unimagined shock (verses 17-18)
  1. over enquiry of Jesus (17)
  2. over events with Jesus (18)

This is a call to see how Jesus came to deal with our unsettled world. We ought to express ourselves to Jesus because the fact is that Jesus wants us to be sincere in sorrow.

Disbelief seems to be the theme in verses 19-24 and here we find Jesus listening to reasons for the disciples' unbelief. It was as if they turned the Word upside down and consequently, their hope was destroyed because of:

- ◆ death and passage of time (verses 19-21)
- ◆ disappearance of body and the testimony of the women, the angels and their colleagues (verses 22-24)

Jesus came to deal with our underestimation of His Word and this demands that we explain ourselves to Him because He wants us to share our sorrow.

Verses 25-35 sees Jesus 'loosing' the disciples by His disclosure to them. Their whining was turned upside down through:

- ◆ Rebuke (verses 25-26)
- ◆ Repetition (verse 27)
- ◆ Revelation (verses 28-35)
  - Invitation (28-29)
  - Insight (30-31)
  - Inspiration (32)
  - Ignition (33-35)

This is a call to see how Jesus came to upgrade our understanding of His Word so that we can be believing, bold and blessed. This demands that we enhance ourselves through Jesus because Jesus wants us to be stronger than our sorrow.

Jesus draws near to help us see that He is the Risen and Conquering Lord. He is here so let us listen and answer His call to come out of gloom into glorious rejoicing.