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Scripture:

Title: Emmaus

Samaritans...

Greeting

God's Living Water really comes in 2 forms

It comes into our lives first as salvation

When we repent and trust Jesus as our Savior

And then it comes into our lives through His Word

We all need to have regular time in the Word

Reading, studying, learning – filling up w/ it

This is what brings true life, satisfaction

I would like for us to look today, at 2 men who learned about this

They learned who Jesus was, more completely

They learned it through His Word, OT to be exact

Background

Luke chapter 24

Takes place Sunday after Jesus was crucified

Starts with the women at the tomb...

Then several accounts of Jesus' appearance

Our main focus will be on two very discouraged, disillusioned disciples who decided to leave Jerusalem and head home to the town of Emmaus

A fairly short, 7 mile, downhill hike from Jerusalem

✚ East of Jerusalem...

One of the two was Cleopas, the other is not named

Cleopas and "what's his name..."

They had heard the reports of the women who saw the empty tomb

They heard Peter and John's reports about the empty tomb
They just couldn't believe Jesus was risen...
How could they?
Do you know anyone who's risen from the dead?

They had really thought He was the Messiah
Now, He's dead
All their hopes and dreams – died on the cross
Might as well pack up and go home
They very dejectedly turned and headed home
All hope was dashed to the ground
The Person they had placed their hope in, was dead

Luke 24:13-21

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, answered and said to Him, "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 delivered 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.

✚ Imagine this scene...

Walking along, slowly, kicking rocks

No hope, everything lost...

Does He come in a blaze of glory? A lightning bolt?

Does He come as the conqueror they hoped for?

Jesus comes to them and reveals Himself to them – the truth of who He really is – very clearly, very definitely, not like we think
How does He do this?

Critical, important for us to understand this...

How does Jesus reveal Himself to them, and to us?

By His Word

He is revealed to them, and us, by His Word

✦ The rebuke

Jesus comes up to them, not recognized by them

Starts with a rebuke – say what???

Luke 24:25

25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!"

No lightning flashes, earthquakes...

A rebuke? A gentle one to be sure, nonetheless...

Foolish men

Two parts of word (in Greek) – one thinker

Other – negative – none thinkers

Slow of heart – one word – means stupid

Hearts were slow to believe

Slow to get it

Jesus is saying – you should've gotten this – it's right there

It is clearly revealed in Scripture

Why didn't you get this...

The fault is w/ the men – they don't understand

They're dull, non-thinking and blind

They are slow in their understanding

Slow to believe the whole picture

- *Believe all*

Here was their problem

They didn't believe all

They did believe the Messiah would come

They did believe He did amazing things

They did believe He would bring redemption

They **didn't** get the whole picture

They stopped with what they wanted, what was good for them

Didn't wait for all of the parts, w/o the whole truth

They missed it

Always dangerous to have partial truth

Knew enough to be dangerous

Needed the whole picture – every piece

These two men had likely studied the scriptures

Faithfully attended synagogue – likely all their lives

They fully believed the Scriptures

Problem is not the whole thing

They had part of the picture

✚ *What if I told you this was a tree, you'd never seen one before?*

Kind of feel like that here – never seen trees before 😊

How would you describe a tree from this?

Kind of boring – long, grayish

Like a pole

Maybe use it to make things

Not sure of its function

✚ *No, wait, this is a tree – (look at a leaf)*

Now how would you describe it?

Green, oval, ridged...

Nice to look at...

By itself, what good is it

Partial picture of a tree doesn't tell us everything

✦ *We need the whole thing, the whole picture*

A bunch of roots for support, for supplying food

A bunch of leaves together, great for shade, beauty, producing food for the tree...

Often can't see real purpose, meaning, anything w/o the whole picture

Now, there are some things in this life that we only get a partial picture of – we don't know everything about them

Other things – Jesus – in particular – we need more of the picture – certain key things must be understood

Must see what is revealed in His word

There is enough there...

We need to see and understand who He is

We need to see and understand why He came

We need to see and understand what He did

The knowledge of Cleopas and “what's his name” was partial, not complete – didn't see whole picture – only part of what was true

They read and knew the scriptures, only took part of them

They believed the Messiah would set up His kingdom

Which He will

They believed He will rule and reign

Which He will

They didn't see that He must also suffer and die

Which He had just done

As was foretold

Sadness/confusion comes from not understanding **all** the Scriptures

The Bible has enough information

Problem was not that they didn't believe them

They did

It was not that they didn't think that God was the author

They did

They had been satisfied w/ a limited understanding of scripture
There was no place in their limited understanding for
A dying a Messiah

The problem is not that the OT doesn't explain this
OT explains it in detail
It is not s. obscure – hard to get
It is not s. mystical only for super smart
It's clear

Problem was...

They had no place in their theology for a dying Messiah
They missed that part
They needed the whole picture, the whole thing

They should've gotten it – they're foolish to miss it
They're non-thinking to get this
They're slow of heart to believe it
God's Word is plain and clear
It is not ambiguous or difficult to understand
They should have gotten this – they only got part
They got hung up on one thing and couldn't see the rest

The fact

Luke 24:26

26 "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

This was necessary

Christ had to suffer these things – OT made it clear

The OT makes it clear – sin causes death, sin brings death...

From the beginning

Interesting genealogy in Genesis 5

Adam through Noah

Only one like it in Scripture as each
ends with – *and he died...*

No OT sacrifice ever fully atoned – had to keep doing it
Wasn't that clear to them – didn't they see it?
In the repetition – over and over – never enough

Many Jews didn't catch it – only saw the physical King
Jesus had to go through this
His suffering was necessary – the fact is...

We are all separated from God b/c of sin
Every one of us is guilty before Him
Take just one of the commandments
Thou shalt not lie
How many of us have lied, even once
Maybe not a big one...
What about the rest of the commandments?

If you've broken only one you've broken all of God's law
The penalty for sin is death

Romans 6:23 tells us *the wages of sin is death*

Jesus, the spotless, Passover Lamb of God
Took your sins and mine on Himself
He died in our place – He paid our penalty

Jesus had to die to pay the penalty for us
When we come to Him
Admitting our guilt
Admitting we can't pay the penalty ourselves
When we repent and turn from sin
When we trust Him to make the payment for us
Then we are declared not guilty
It took Jesus' death did for us on the cross, He had to die

Because He died, was buried and rose again
Penalty for sin is paid in full

Romans 4:25

25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

He was delivered – went to the cross

B/c of our transgressions – b/c of our sin

He was raised – resurrected

For our justification – our forgiveness, cleansing from sin

We can't come before the Father w/ our sin

Something must be done w/ it – either we die ourselves

Or we accept Jesus' death in our place

Jesus has a clear message for all of us

He had to die; He was raised so we can be forgiven

All we need to do is repent and trust Jesus' payment for us
on the cross, b/c He rose we know His sacrifice was
accepted by God – His resurrection proves for all time that

He paid the penalty for us

The proof

We have the rebuke, the fact and now the proof...

Luke 24:27

27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Jesus begins w/ Moses – the Law, the Pentateuch, first five books of OT (written by Moses) and goes to the Prophets – rest of OT

The OT account of redemption

Centering on the Messiah, the Lord Jesus

From beginning to end

Given by the Messiah Himself

Imagine walking with them?

Imagine hearing what Jesus was saying?

Likely s. they never got over

Shouldn't ever get over

Complete OT survey course in a couple hours

Talking w/ the Author Himself

Walking w/ the Author teaching

What did He say?

Looking at OT, come pretty close, have a good idea

Likely began in Genesis

Genesis 3:15

Jesus might've said – I am that seed

I was bruised on my heel – I died on the cross...

I crushed the power of the serpent which is death – I rose from the dead, conquering death

Genesis 3:21

I am the true and only covering for the sinner's guilt

I am the innocent substitute that provides your covering

Genesis 4:4-5

With Cain and Abel – Jesus is the acceptable sacrifice

Made the way God intended, w/ His own blood

Genesis 6 – 8 – the flood

Genesis 6:18

Jesus is our ark of safety

He protects us from God's wrath and judgment

Genesis 22 – Abraham's sacrifice

Genesis 22:2

The picture of Abraham sacrificing his son Isaac

The Father offering His Son as a sacrifice for us

The ram was sacrificed as a substitute
Jesus is our substitute sacrificed in our place

Exodus 12 – the Passover

Exodus 12:13

Passover Lamb – Jesus is our true Passover Lamb

Exodus 16

Jesus is our true manna from heaven

John 6:48-50

48 "I am the bread of life. 49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

Leviticus

Chapters 1-7 – five offerings – burnt, grain, sin, peace, guilt
Jesus is the fulfillment of all of these
Jesus is the true offering – superior to all

Day of Atonement

Jesus is the sacrifice on the altar – the blood on the mercy seat is His
Jesus is our scape-goat that takes away our sin

Moving on from the Pentateuch

Psalms 22:1, 14, 17-18

Psalms 69:21

Daniel 9

69 weeks of years,

69 times seven, and then one more 69 years...

If you calculate that out, the very date when the sixty-ninth year is completed is Nissan 9, 30 A.D. the very day Jesus walked into Jerusalem – we celebrate as Palm Sunday

Come back to Isaiah in a minute – jump near the end

Zechariah 12:10

...they will look on Me whom they have pierced

Isaiah 52:14

Isaiah 53:3-10

Isaiah 53:12

Imagine the impact on their hearts/lives

All of the OT flashing before them

Finally seeing the whole picture

Try to glimpse that now watch carefully

(Go through again)

Conclusion:

- Have you repented and trusted the Savior as your payment for sin?
 - The Scripture reveals this truth clearly for all to see...
- Are you seeking to understand Scripture?
 - All of it, or just part?
 - What steps are you willing to take to change this?

Benediction: **Ephesians 1:18-20**

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20

which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Sermon outline

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Luke 24:25-27

Background

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