

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: NOT The End

Passage: Luke 1:1-4; 24:13-53 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: The risen King Jesus opens our minds to understand His Word that we are to proclaim to the nations as we worship Him until He returns.

I. Scripture Interpreted (13-35)

- Like all of Jesus' disciples, these two were very confused and bewildered by all they saw and heard.
- Jesus connected the misunderstood dots by explaining the OT message of Messiah and His mission.
- The suffering Servant would forgive sins while also defeating the curse; the King would render all earthly kingdoms defeated by His resurrection.
- To rightly interpret the Bible, one must see the person and work of Jesus specifically woven in.

II. Minds Opened (36-45)

- Defying natural and physical laws, Jesus appeared bodily where His disciples were gathered.
- Jesus showed that His resurrected body was very real and tangible by eating and allowing their touch.
- Verse 44 summarizes many hours over the next 40 days where Jesus taught, answered questions and helped His disciples understand what they would soon be preaching and teaching.
- Verse 45 reveals what must happen for it all to make sense - "He opened their minds to understand."
- For God's Word to be understood, one be a genuine believer having his or her mind opened by Christ.

III. Mission Defined (46-49)

- The crucifixion and resurrection of Messiah was always God's plan for providing forgiveness & salvation.
- Repentance is the faith door through which human beings walk into God's forgiveness and salvation.
- This is the message of hope, the good news for all nations!
- We too have witnessed "these things" in the written accounts and are equally responsible for carrying it to all nations.

IV. Jesus Worshiped (50-53)

- They had gone from followers to disciples to friends to fugitives to worshipers.
- This group of "Nobodies" were now convinced and they were about to be empowered to stand.
- The worship of, dependence on, and obedience to King Jesus is how we are to live until He returns!

V. Things to remember...

1. Each of the four gospels serve a unique purpose & deserve our regular attention. Read them all & often.
2. Each of the four gospels provide equal portraits of Savior/Sacrifice/Salvation and King/Kingdom/Victory.
3. The Savior was crucified in our place and for our sin to provide salvation for all who by faith believe.
4. The King is raised victorious, His subjects have clear instructions and He IS returning to establish His Kingdom!
5. The book of Acts would be a great place to pick up the continuing story in your personal study.