

The Guest of Honor Vanished

Luke 24:13-36

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Preview

- The Guest of honor – vanishes
- Seeing is Not Believing
- God doesn't force His way in
- Truth in everyday settings

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-36 NIV

- ¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.
- ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"
- They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"
- ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.
- "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."
- ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.
- ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So, he went in to stay with them.

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- ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”
- ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.
- ³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

MAIN IDEA

During Dark Times Christ Gives His Followers Points of Reference...

- Luke 24:13-27
- If something is properly framed or presented it makes sense.
- When the news makes no sense and drives us to despair, the Son Himself will journey with us and speak into our lives and give us things to help us understand.
- If we don't have some understanding that suffering is part of life, we never see where we are going. Suffering leads to resurrection.

...Giving Us Added Opportunity to Invite Him into Our Lives...

- Luke 24:28-29
- When Jesus reveals Himself it gives us opportunity to invite Him to be more involved in our lives, our work, our recreation and more involved with everything that is going on in our personal lives.
- Luke 24:30-32
- When we continually invite Jesus into our lives, the common things take on a new meaning and rich meaning. Christ makes things more meaningful right where we are.

...And Share Our Experience of Jesus With Other Believers

- Luke 24:33-36
- When we meet in Jesus's name, He is among us. We acknowledge His presence and we are sharing who He is, what He has done, the things we have learned, all

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the things He has guided us through with one another and we are celebrating the presence of the indwelling Christ.

- Love is having a place in one another's life and acknowledging their significance in our lives. Be connected with one another.
- Community is understanding that the church is about the body of Christ and the presence of Jesus among the people of God.

CONCLUSION:

Every Sermon Should Have Something To

- ❖ I Learn/Know: There are a lot of dark times in life. We need to recognize the dark times and understand the Jesus gives us points of reference to guide us through these times. The dark times will pass.
- ❖ I Believe: Suffering, dark times and adversity are part of building a relationship that I have with God.
- ❖ I Seek To Do: Sing songs to Jesus about Jesus to encourage ourselves. Memorize and quote to myself **Psalm 86:11** *Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.* Don't have divided heart syndrome.