

Sermon Outline

Let the Journey Continue

Luke 24:13-35

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2007

The resurrected Lord begins to gather his fragmented followers to establish the Apostolic Community. Just as he and they have journeyed together to Jerusalem, so now in resurrection power he continues to walk with them, opening the Scriptures to them, setting their hearts ablaze, and making himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. The Journey of the Savior has just begun, and we are called to continue to follow him. Even the word these two disciples use to describe Jesus is “Sojourner” (v.18), and as he is, so also must we be.

I. *The Centrality of Redemption* - Luke 24:18-21

A. “They crucified him...we thought it was he who was going to redeem Israel...”

B. He redeemed them by being crucified! His wounds paid the ransom of the captive exiles, and broke the oppression of sin and death.

II. *The Reality of the Resurrection* - Luke 24:22-24

III. *The Sufficiency of Scripture* - Luke 24:25-27

A. *Sola et Tota Scriptura* – alone and all – covenant continuity.

B. The Scriptures Concern Christ – the whole story is focused and understood in Christ’s person and work.

IV. *The Necessity of the Sacraments* - Luke 24:28-32

A. This first meal with a couple in the new world “undoes” the first meal with a couple in the old world –
? “And he took the bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.” – Luke 24:30-31

? “She took of its fruit and ate and gave some to her husband with her... and their eyes were opened, and they knew that they were naked.” – Genesis 3:6-7

B. In the breaking of the bread Christ makes himself known and we see his glorious salvation and Gospel. Apart from this we can only see our nakedness and shame.

? “Though Jesus was no longer physically present they were to discover him living with them and in them through this meal...Scripture and sacrament, word and meal, are joined tightly together...take Scripture away and sacrament becomes a piece of magic. Take the sacrament away and Scripture becomes an intellectual or emotional exercise. Put them together and you have Christ-centered living...” – N.T. Wright

Our journey with Jesus will take us with hearts ablaze to the world he loves, carrying the news that he is truly alive. This is the Gospel, and just as it changed the world then, so to it will now. “I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation...” - Romans 1:16