

WHEN WE KEEP STRIKING OUT

A Sermon For Easter – Topic: The Resurrection

Passage: Luke 24:13-32 - And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was [a]about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸One of *them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You [b]the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. ²¹But 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. ²²But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see." ²⁵And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary for the [c]Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷Then beginning [d]with Moses and [e]with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

²⁸And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. ²⁹But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day [f]is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. ³⁰When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from [g]their sight. ³²They

said to one another, “[h]Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was [i]explaining the Scriptures to us?”

The Two Disciples Were Depressed

The Two Disciples Thought There Was No Hope

The Two Disciples Were Thrilled

Implications

Jesus’ Resurrection Is a Shocking Reality

Jesus’ Resurrection Gives Us Hope

Hope That We Are Loved

Hope That Our Lives Have Meaning

Hope In Every Situation