

TITLE: RESURRECTION JOY

TEXT: LUKE 24:25-32

INTRODUCTION: (1) IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN DEPRESSED OR TRIED TO HELP SOMEONE WHO IS DEPRESSED, YOU KNOW THAT SUCH PEOPLE ARE VERY RESOURCEFUL IN FINDING REASONS NOT TO TAKE COMFORT IN ANYTHING YOU SAY TO THEM.

* THEY ARE DETERMINED AND HAVE THEIR MINDS MADE UP TO HEAR EVERYTHING AS BAD NEWS.

** HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THAT WAY OR TALKED TO SOMEONE THAT WAS IN THAT CONDITION?

*** WELL, FOR ME, BEEN THERE, DONE THAT ON BOTH ACCOUNTS.

**** ITS DOOM, DESPAIR AND AGONY AND SEEMINGLY NO LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.

(2) NOW, THIS IS THE CONDITION TO BEGIN WITH, FOR THE TWO EMMAUS DISCIPLES ON THAT FIRST RESURRECTION SUNDAY IN THE AFTERNOON.

* THEY WERE DEPRESSED, DISAPPOINTED, IN DESPAIR AND DEVASTATED.

** THEIR HOPES HAD BEEN ELEVATED ACCORDING TO LUKE 24:21 BY JESUS, FOR THEY HAD HOPED THAT JESUS WAS THE ONE WHOM WAS GOING TO REDEEM ISRAEL.

***** HOWEVER, IN THEIR MINDS, A "MESSIAH"** WHO MANAGED TO GET HIMSELF ARRESTED AND HANDED OVER TO THE ROMANS, WHO THEN CRUCIFIED HIM, WAS A DISAPPOINTING DELUSION.

*** THEY ACHED WITH GRIEF, WITH CONFUSION AND DISILLUSIONMENT.

**** THE SCRIPTURES PROMISED A MESSIAH, A DELIVERER, A SAVIOR, AND THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS THE ONE, BUT JESUS DID NOT DELIVER IN THEIR DEPRESSED MINDS.

(3) AND TO THEM, THE EMPTY TOMB OF JESUS COMPOUNDED THE TRAGEDY, FOR THEY THOUGHT SOMEONE HAD STOLEN THE BODY OF JESUS, ADDING INSULT TO INJURY.

* SO THE GOOD NEWS TO THESE TWO DISCIPLES WAS BAD NEWS.

** AND IRONICALLY, ONE OF THE TWO DISCIPLES NAMED CLEOPAS MENTIONED THAT IT HAD BEEN 3 DAYS SINCE, HIS DEATH, NOT REMEMBERING THAT REPEATEDLY JESUS COMMUNICATED THAT HE WOULD BE PUT TO **DEATH AND RISE AGAIN ON THE 3'D DAY.**

**** CLEOPAS HAD LET IT ALL OUT - HIS CONFUSION, HIS DISILLUSIONMENT, HIS DEPRESSION, HIS ANGER, HIS SHRINKING FAITH.

(4) BUT JESUS DID NOT REJECT HIM, HE WILL REBUKE HIM, BUT ULTIMATELY WILL BRING GREAT JOY AND HOPE TO HIM AND THE OTHER DISCIPLE WITH HIM.

* NOW LET ME QUICKLY SET THE CONTEXT. IT IS THE FIRST EASTER, THE FIRST RESURRECTION SUNDAY, THE DAY JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

** THESE TWO DISCIPLES, CLEOPAS AND POSSIBLY HIS WIFE OR ANOTHER BROTHER IN CHRIST ARE LEAVING JERUSALEM GOING HOME TO A SMALL VILLAGE 7 MILES NORTHWEST OF JERUSALEM CALLED EMMAUS.

*** THEY MOST LIKELY SAW THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST, WHICH WITH IT, ALL THEIR HOPES FOR JESUS TO DELIVER THE JEWS FROM ROMAN BONDAGE WERE CRUSHED.

**** THEY THOUGHT HE WAS THE MESSIAH, BUT MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT KIND OF MESSIAH JESUS CHRIST WOULD BE.

(5) THEY STAY IN JERUSALEM FOR THE SABBATH, AND THEN ON SUNDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, THEY START TO WALK TO EMMAUS, A 7 MILE WALK.

* WELL, WHILE THEY ARE WALKING, THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN JERUSALEM AND ABOUT THE DEATH OF CHRIST.

** BUT ALSO, WHILE THEY ARE WALKING AND DISCUSSING, JESUS JOINS THEM AND STARTS **WALKING WITH THEM, BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW** IT WAS JESUS, THEY WERE KEPT BY GOD FROM RECOGNIZING JESUS.

*** NOW JESUS ASKED WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT? FOR THEY HAD THIS REAL SAD LOOK ON THEIR FACES. IT WAS OBVIOUS THEY WERE REALLY DOWN.

**** WELL, CLEOPAS ANSWERS AND SAYS, ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE VISITING IN JERUSALEM **THAT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. IN OUR** VENACULAR TODAY, HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING UNDER A ROCK OR HAD YOUR HEAD IN THE SAND?

(6) FOR THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS WAS ALREADY SUCH A WELL KNOWN EVENT AROUND JERUSALEM THAT HE WAS SHOCKED THAT JESUS APPEARED NOT TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

* THEN CLEOPAS PROCEEDS TO TELL HIM ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED, AND THAT IT WAS THEIR HOPE THAT JESUS WAS GOING TO DELIVER ISRAEL AS A POLITICAL MESSIAH.

** AND THEN CLEOPAS PROCEEDS TO TELL HIM **WHAT HAPPENED AT JESUS' TOMB EARLY** SUNDAY MORNING, EARLIER IN THE DAY.

*** THAT SOME WOMAN WENT TO THE TOMB AND JESUS WAS NOT THERE AND SAW TWO ANGELS THAT SAID HE WAS ALIVE AND SOME OTHER DISCIPLES AFTER THAT WENT TO THE TOMB AND JESUS WAS NOT THERE.

**** AND CLEOPAS AND THE OTHER FOLLOWER OF JESUS WITH HIM, THOUGHT HIS BODY HAD BEEN STOLEN. AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE AS LUKE 24:17 SAYS THEY WERE LOOKING SAD. YOU COULD SEE IT ON THEIR FACES, THEY HAD A SAD GLOOMY COUNTENANCE, THEY WERE DEPRESSED, JESUS WAS DEAD, HIS BODY MOST LIKELY HAD BEEN STOLEN, THEY HAD NO HOPE, THEY WERE DISCOURAGED.

(7) BUT WE WILL SEE TODAY ON THIS RESURRECTION SUNDAY, THEIR SADNESS WILL BE TURNED INTO JOY, THEIR SORROW WILL BE TURNED INTO REJOICING.

* FOR JESUS WILL TEACH THEM AND THEN REVEAL HIS PERSON TO THEM, AND THEIR **SORROW WILL BE TURNED TO JOY. HE'S ALIVE!**

** **THUS I'VE TITLED OUR MESSAGE** FOR TODAY, **"RESURRECTION JOY."**

*** AND PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD, THE RESURRECTION BRINGS GREAT JOY TO TRUE BELIEVERS, FOR WE UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS IS AN ALIVE SAVIOR, WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE **FORGIVEN OF ALL OF OUR SINS AND HEAVEN'S GATES ARE OPEN WIDE.**

**** BUT ALSO THE RESURRECTION CAN BRING GREAT JOY TO YOU TODAY THAT ARE WITHOUT A SAVIOR. FOR JESUS WILL FORGIVE YOU AND TURN YOUR SORROW AND FEARS INTO THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS IF YOU WILL REPENT AND TURN TO HIM AS YOUR LORD, QUOTE ROMANS 10:9&10&13 .

(8) FOLKS, THE CLEAR TRUTH FOR TODAY IS, JESUS IS ALIVE, HE SAVES SINNERS, AND YOU CAN HAVE THE JOY OF SINS FORGIVEN, JESUS IS WHO HE SAID HE WAS, HE CONQUERED DEATH, AND WILL SAVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS, YOUR GREATEST NEED, IF YOU TURN TO HIM IN REPENTANT FAITH. HALLELUJAH WHAT A **SAVIOR! HE'S ALIVE!**

*** WITH THAT SAID, WE'LL LOOK AT 5 POINTS** TODAY UNDER THE THEME OF RESURRECTION JOY AS WE WORK OUR WAY THROUGH LUKE 24:25-32.

**** NO. 1 WE'LL SEE THE REBUKE BY JESUS IN VV. 25&26; NO. 2 THE REVEALING BY JESUS IN THE O.T. ABOUT HIMSELF, V. 27; NO. 3 THE REQUEST BY THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES, VV. 28-30; NO. 4 THE RECOGNITION BY THE DISCIPLES THAT THE MAN THEY ARE HOSTING IS JESUS CHRIST, V. 31; AND NO. 5 THE REACTION OF THESE DISCIPLES IN V.32 AS THEIR HEARTS BURNED WITHIN THEM.**

*** AND WITH THOSE 5 POINTS AS OUR SPIRITUAL GPS, LOOK AT V. 25 PLEASE WHERE **WE'LL START TO SEE OUR FIRST POINT TODAY,** THE REBUKE.

I. THE REBUKE, (READ V. 25)

A. NOW JESUS WILL GIVE THESE TWO DISCIPLES A LOVING REBUKE. THEY WERE SAD AND DEPRESSED. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN THAT STATE.

* NOW WHY?

** WELL THEY DID NOT EMBRACE AND FULLY SEE WHAT THE O.T. PROPHETS PROPHESED CONCERNING THE MESSIAH – JESUS CHRIST.

*** THEY WERE SPIRITUALLY DULL, IN **PERCEPTION, THEY DIDN'T GET IT, THEY HAD** READ WHAT THE O.T. PROPHETS HAD SPOKEN, BUT FAILED TO PERCEIVE ITS APPLICATION TO CHRIST. THEY WERE CLUELESS IN THAT SENSE.

**** SO THEY NEEDED A LOVING WAKE UP CALL.
AND BOTTOM LINE THEY HAD A LACK OF
UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES.

1. THEY HAD NO PLACE IN THEIR BELIEF OR
THEOLOGY FOR THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST
AND THEREFORE HAD NO PLACE IN THEIR
BELIEF OR THEOLOGY FOR A RESURRECTION.

* AND THIS IS NOT BECAUSE THEY REJECTED
THE SCRIPTURE. THIS IS NOT BECAUSE THEY
DIDN'T BELIEVE IN SCRIPTURE ITSELF.

** IT IS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY HAD A PARTIAL
INCOMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE
SCRIPTURE AND WHAT THE O.T. PROPHETS
SAID.

*** THEY SAW THE GLORY OF CHRIST, THE REIGN
OF CHRIST, BUT NOT THE SUFFERING, AND THIS
IS CLEARLY BROUGHT OUT IN V. 26. LOOK AT V.
26 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 26. NOW CERTAINLY THESE TWO DISCIPLES BELIEVED THE PROPHETS, BUT JUST AS CERTAINLY THEY DID NOT BELIEVE ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAD SAID.

* THEY HAD READ AND BELIEVED THE O.T. PROPHETS SELECTIVELY AS THEY EMBRACED THE MESSIAH, KING RULER PASSAGES IGNORING THE PASSAGES THAT PROPHESED HIS SUFFERINGS. THEY WERE FOOLISH PEOPLE, SLOW OF HEART TO BELIEVE.

** FOR THE TRUTH OF THAT MATTER IS, O.T. PROPHETS SPOKE OF A SUFFERING MESSIAH. THEY DID IN ISAIAH 52&53. THEY DID IN ZECHARIAH 12:10 AND IN ZECHARIAH 13:7.

*** AND EVEN THE WRITER OF THE PSALMS IN PSALM 16:9-11, IN PSALM 22 AND PSALM 69 TALK ABOUT THE SUFFERING OF THE ANOINTED ONE OF GOD, THE MESSIAH.

**** AND YES THEY UNDERSTOOD THE GLORY PART. THAT JESUS WOULD BE A KING WITH AN EARTHLY KINGDOM THAT HE WOULD RULE AND REIGN WITH A ROD OF IRON, IN AUTHORITY OVER ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH IN JERUSALEM. THEY GOT THAT.

1. BUT THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT IT WAS NECESSARY AND GOD ORDAINED THAT HE SHOULD SUFFER AND DIE A BRUTAL DEATH LIKE CRUCIFIXION, THEY DIDN'T GET THAT.

*** THEY DIDN'T SEE THE DUAL IMAGE OF CHRIST, SUFFERING AND REIGNING. THEIR VIEW WAS DULLED IN SO DESIRING TO SEE A CONQUERING MESSIAH, THAT THEY COULD NOT SEE A SUFFERING MESSIAH AND THAT IS THE PROBLEM OF UNCONVERTED JEWS TODAY.**

** THEY ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A CONQUERING MESSIAH AND HAVE REJECTED JESUS FOR IN THEIR BELIEF THEY CANNOT SEE A SUFFERING CRUCIFIED SAVIOR, FOR CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE.

** SO HOW CAN A CURSED MESSIAH BE A SAVING MESSIAH?

*** AND DAVID GOODING SUMS IT UP WITH **THESE WORD AND I QUOTE: "DEATH AND RESURRECTION FORM NO PART OF THEIR CONCEPT OF MESSIAH'S OFFICE AND PROGRAM** WHICH IS WHY THEY HAD NOT REALLY TAKEN IN WHAT JESUS HAD SAID ABOUT HIS COMING DEATH. THEY WERE HOPING FOR A MESSIAH **WHO WOULD BREAK THE IMPERIALIST'S** DOMINATION OF ROME BY FORCE OF ARMS, A MESSIAH WHO MANAGED TO ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE CAUGHT BY JEWISH AUTHORITIES, HANDED OVER TO THE ROMANS AND CRUCIFIED BEFORE HE HAD EVER BEGUN TO ORGANIZE ANY GUERILLA OPERATIONS, POPULAR UPRISINGS OR OPEN WARFARE. WHAT USE WAS HE? IF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHESED A LIBERATOR WHO SHOULD NOT DIE BUT BE TRIUMPHANT, JESUS WAS ALREADY DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE HE HAD DIED. AFTER THAT, IT WAS ALMOST **IRRELEVANT TO TALK ABOUT RESURRECTION."** (END QUOTE)

**** NOW THIS QUOTE AMPLIFIES JEWISH THINKING, INCLUDING THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES. THEY SAW THE CROWN, BUT NOT THE CROSS. THEY SAW THE GLORY BUT NOT SUFFERING. JESUS WAS DISQUALIFIED. HE WAS CURSED, HE **COULDN'T BE THE MESSIAH.**

2. SO THEY HAD A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES. THEY HAD A PARTIAL UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE.

* AND IN APPLICATION, A PARTIAL UNDERSTANDING IN SCRIPTURE ABOUT JESUS IS NOT ENOUGH.

** AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THAT BOAT SAILING THROUGH LIFE THINKING THEY KNOW **JESUS BUT DON'T.**

**** THEY HAVE PARTIAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO TRULY BELIEVE IN CHRIST AND BE SAVED FROM THEIR SINS.

***** THEY BELIEVE IN JESUS BUT THINK THEY HAVE TO WORK THEIR WAY TO HEAVEN, THAT THEY BELIEVE THEY MUST HAVE FAITH IN JESUS PLUS WORKS TO BE SAVED.

3. THAT THEY CAN BE RECONCILED TO A HOLY GOD BY WHAT THEY CAN DO, OR THROUGH RELIGION, OR ORDINANCES, OR THAT THEY ARE BASICALLY GOOD AND BETTER THAN MOST PEOPLE. THAT THEY ARE SINNERS, BUT NOT UNDESERVING SINNERS. THAT THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HEAVEN, THAT JESUS IS ONE OF THE WAYS. THAT WE CAN BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD THROUGH WHAT WE DO, NOT BY WHAT JESUS DID.

* AND MY POINT IS AN INCOMPLETE PARTIAL UNDERSTANDING ABOUT JESUS CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS. AND THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS COMES ONLY THROUGH A CRUCIFIED RISEN SAVIOR WHO WILL SAVE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

** RESURRECTION JOY ONLY COMES THROUGH UNDERSTANDING WHO JESUS IS, WHY HE CAME, WHAT HE DID, AND WHAT HE IS DOING.

*** SO WHAT DOES JESUS DO FOR THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS? HE LOVINGLY REBUKES, BUT THEN GIVES THEM THE TRUTH ABOUT HIMSELF FROM THE O.T. SCRIPTURES.

****** WHICH LEADS US TO OUR 2'D POINT TODAY, THE REVEALING. LOOK AT V. 27 PLEASE."**

II. THE REVEALING, (READ V. 27)

A. NOW HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE TAUGHT AN O.T. SURVEY COURSE BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE THEME OF THE O.T., AND BE TAUGHT IT IN THE TIME OF WALKING WITH HIM FOR A FEW MILES?

* HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE TAUGHT BY THE BEST TEACHER THAT EVER WALKED ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH?

** HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE TAUGHT BY GOD
TABERNACLED IN A RESURRECTED BODY?

*** HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE TAUGHT BY
THE SON OF GOD, GOD THE SON, THE CREATOR
OF THE UNIVERSE?

**** WELL, I THINK I WOULD LIKE THAT,
WOULDN'T YOU?

1. IN FACT, I WOULD LOVE IT. AND THE TEXT
OF HIS TEACHING IS THE FULL RANGE OF O.T.
SCRIPTURES BEGINNING WITH MOSES, THE
FIRST 5 BOOKS OF THE O.T., THE PENTATEUCH
AND THEN BE TAUGHT FROM ALL THE MINOR
AND MAJOR PROPHETS FROM THE O.T.

* AND IN V. 44 OF LUKE 24, HE INCLUDES THE
PSALMS, SO BASICALLY HE COVERS THE FULL
SCOPE OF THE O.T.

** AND THEY WERE TAUGHT BY JESUS FROM ALL THESE O.T. SCRIPTURES ABOUT THINGS CONCERNING HIMSELF AND MOST LIKELY ABOUT HIS SUFFERING, PURPOSE AND RESURRECTION.

***** AND AT THIS POINT THEY DIDN'T KNOW** THAT JESUS HIMSELF WAS TEACHING THEM, BUT THEY DID KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL ABOUT THIS TEACHING FOR WE WILL SEE THAT WHILE JESUS IS TEACHING THEM, THEIR HEARTS BURNED WITHIN THEM.

**** THEY HAD HOLY HEART BURN. AND THESE TWO PEOPLE ON A DUSTY ROAD ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH BROKEN HEARTS, ALL THEIR HOPES SMASHED, GET AN EXPOSITION OF THE O.T. STORY OF REDEMPTION THAT CENTERS ON JESUS FROM BEGINNING TO END.

2. AND I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY, THEY NO LONGER WERE DULL OF HEART, THEY GOT IT. JESUS WOULD SUFFER BEFORE HIS GLORY. **JESUS IS ALIVE EVEN THEY DON'T KNOW AT THIS POINT HE IS TALKING TO THEM.**

* AND NEVER A MAN SPOKE LIKE THIS MAN.

** AND THINK WITH ME, THIS WAS EXEGETICAL HEAVEN. THIS IS GOSPEL DRIVEN INTERPRETATION.

*** AND I SAY THAT FOR THE ENGLISH WORD EXPLAINED OR EXPOUNDED LIT. MEANS TO INTERPRET, TO UNFOLD THE MEANING OF WHAT IS SAID, TO EXPLAIN.

**** AND THIS GREEK WORD USED HERE TRANSLATED EXPLAINED OR EXPOUNDED HAS ITS ORIGIN IN THE WORD FROM WHICH WE GET OUR ENGLISH WORD HERMENEUTICS WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE LAWS OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION.

3. SO WHAT DOES JESUS DO FOR THEM. HE GOES THROUGH O.T. TEXTS AND SAYS HERE IS THE MESSIAH SUFFERINGS AND RISING AGAIN.

* AND WHAT SCRIPTURES THAT ARE INTERPRETED ARE NOT GIVEN.

** BUT MAY I SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY THAT JESUS TAUGHT THEM ABOUT HIMSELF FROM GENESIS 3:15, THAT I AM THE ONE WHO **BRUISED SATAN'S HEAD AND SATAN BRUISED MY HEAL ON THE CROSS.**

*** AND POSSIBLY WHAT A GRIPPING REVELATION TO HEAR CHRIST INTERPRET THE SACRIFICE OF ISAAC IN GENESIS 22 AS EMBLEMATIC OF HIS SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT AND EVEN A PROPHETIC HINT OF HIS RESURRECTION.

**** OR TO HEAR JESUS TEACH ABOUT THE PASSOVER LAMB THAT WOULD DIE IN THE O.T.

4. OR POSSIBLY THAT HE WAS THE SERPENT LIFTED UP IN THE WILDERNESS OR THAT HE WAS THE SUFFERING SERVANT OF JEHOVAH AT THE END OF ISAIAH 52 AND THROUGHOUT ISAIAH 53. AND EVEN ISAIAH 53:10 ABOUT HIS RESURRECTION.

* OR THAT HE WAS THE ONE THE PSALMIST TALKED ABOUT IN PSALM 22 AS HE CRIED OUT, MY GOD, MY GOD WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME. OR PSALM 16:10 IN TALKING ABOUT HIS RESURRECTION.

** BUT WHATEVER SCRIPTURES HE USED, IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN ENCOURAGING, EXCITING, HOPE KINDLING TIME FOR THEM.

*** WELL, MOVING ON IN THE TEXT, THESE DISCIPLES COME TO THEIR DESTINATION, EMMAUS, AND THEY MAKE A REQUEST WHICH IS OUR THIRD POINT TODAY, LOOK AT V. 28 PLEASE.

III. THE REQUEST, (READ V. 28)

A. NOW THEIR WALK FROM JERUSALEM TO EMMAUS, 7 MILES, HAD TO BE THE QUICKEST WALK THEY HAD EVER TAKEN FROM JERUSALEM. THE TIME HAD TO BE FLYING AS THEY HEARD THIS MAN TEACH THINGS THEY NEVER HEARD OR SAW BEFORE.

* AND AS THEY ARE APPROACHING EMMAUS, IT APPEARS THAT THIS MAN THEY ARE WITH IS GOING TO CONTINUE HIS JOURNEY. AND THE WORD ACTED HERE IS NOT TALKING ABOUT ACTING LIKE AN ACTOR, BUT THAT JESUS IN HIS ACTIONS APPEARED TO BE GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE, GOING FARTHER.

** SO THESE TWO DISCIPLES MAKE A REQUEST. LOOK AT V. 29 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 29. NOW THESE TWO EMMAUS **DISCIPLES DON'T WANT JESUS TO GO ON. AND** CERTAINLY ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY WAS IT WAS GETTING LATE IN THE DAY AND IT WAS DANGEROUS TO TRAVEL AT NIGHT WITH WILD ANIMALS AND ROBBERS. SO THEY WERE BEING GRACIOUS AND HOSPITABLE.

* BUT IT APPEARS TO ME, THE DRIVING PREEMINENT REASON THAT THEY WANTED THIS MAN TO STAY WAS, AGAIN, NEVER A MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN.

** THE RICH TEACHING THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED WAS BURNING IN THEIR HEARTS. THEY WERE ENCOURAGED AND EXCITED. THE TRUTHS THEY WERE TAUGHT FROM THE O.T. TURNED THEIR HEARTS AND COUNTENANCE, THAT THEY NOW HAD HOPE AGAIN THAT JESUS WAS ALIVE, RISEN AS HE SAID.

*** SO THEY STRONGLY URGED THIS STRANGER TO STAY, THEY WERE GRACIOUSLY COMPELLING HIM AS STRONGLY AS THEY COULD TO STAY WITH THEM. THEY WANTED TO BE HOSPITABLE BUT EVEN MORE, TO HEAR MORE OF THIS TEACHING WHICH WAS PROFOUND.

****** AND JESUS AGREED, BUT THEY STILL DON'T** KNOW WHO HE IS. BUT SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENS IN V. 30. LOOK AT V. 30 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 30. NOW AT DINNER TIME, WHEN THEY RECLINE TO EAT AS THE CUSTOM WAS IN THAT DAY, SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENS. THE GUEST BECOMES THE HOST.

* FOR AS THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES HEARD JESUS TEACH, THEY REALIZED THEIR WAS SOMETHING VERY UNIQUE, SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL, SOMETHING RADICALLY DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM FROM OTHER MEN.

** THUS TO HONOR THEIR GUEST IN RESPONSE TO HIS SUPREME WISDOM AND PERFECT UNDERSTANDING OF O.T. SCRIPTURE, THEY DEFERRED TO THEIR HONORED GUEST BY GIVING HIM THE HONOR OF BREAKING THEIR BREAD.

*** I MEAN RIGHT IN THEIR OWN HOME, THEY ACKNOWLEDGED JESUS AS THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE AT THE HEAD OF THEIR TABLE.

**** AND THIS IS NOT A COMMUNION SERVICE, THERE IS NO WINE, AND THEY WERE NOT IN THE UPPER ROOM AS JESUS INSTITUTED THE ORDINANCE OF COMMUNION, THEY 12 WERE THERE, NOT THEM.

1. AND BREAKING BREAD WAS JUST A WAY TO DESCRIBE A MEAL. SO JESUS IN THE MEAL GAVE THANKS FOR IT, BROKE THE BREAD AND SERVED THEM, HE GAVE THEM THE BREAD AS THE PERSON AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE, AS THE HONORED ONE.

* AND AS JESUS IS DOING THIS, SOMETHING HAPPENS, THEY RECOGNIZE HIM. LOOK AT V. 31 **PLEASE WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR 4TH** POINT, THE RECOGNITION.

IV. THE RECOGNITION, (READ V. 31)

A. NOW AS JESUS HAD BLESSED THE BREAD AND IS PASSING IT AROUND, V. 31 SAYS THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY RECOGNIZED JESUS.

* AND SOME SUGGEST THEY SAW HIS NAILED PIERCED HANDS AS HE IS PASSING THE BREAD, OR WHEN THEY HEARD HIM PRAY, SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT JESUS PRAYING ALERTED THEM TO WHO IT WAS, THEIR MEMORIES WERE JOGGED.

** BUT FROM MY VANTAGE POINT, THIS WAS A SUPERNATURAL REVELATION. FOR IN V. 16 OF **LUKE 24 IT SAYS:** "BUT THEIR EYES WERE **PREVENTED FROM RECOGNIZING HIM.**"

*** AND THAT MEANS GOD KEPT THEM FROM RECOGNIZING HIM, AND LIKEWISE HERE IN V. 31, GOD OPENED THEIR EYES. GOD DID SOMETHING FOR THEM THAT THEY COULD NOT DO FOR OR IN THEMSELVES.

1. FOR V. 31 USES THE PASSIVE VOICE IN THE GREEK TEXT, "THEIR EYES WERE OPENED," MEANING THEY DID NOT OPEN THEIR EYES ON THEIR OWN, SOMEONE ELSE DID IT FOR THEM.

* AND EVERYTHING CAME TOGETHER AT THAT TIME, AND THEY REALIZED THAT JESUS WAS NO LONGER DEAD, BUT ALIVE.

** THEY RECOGNIZED THE RESURRECTED JESUS.
HE'S ALIVE.

*** BUT NOTICE AT THE END OF V. 31, AS SOON **AS THEY RECOGNIZED JESUS, "HE VANISHED FROM THEIR SIGHT."**

**** AND CHRIST IN HIS GLORIFIED RESURRECTED BODY HAD THE ABILITY TO APPEAR AT WILL AND VANISH AT WILL. HE LIT. BECAME INVISIBLE AND THEY NO LONGER SAW HIM.

2. HIS RESURRECTED BODY WAS CAPABLE OF MOVING, APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING AFTER A MANNER THAT WE CANNOT EXPLAIN OR ARE USED TO WITH THE PHYSICAL TEMPORAL BODIES WE LIVE IN NOW THAT ARE LIMITED TO BEING IN ONE PLACE AND SLOWLY GETTING UP AND GOING TO ANOTHER.

* BUT JESUS JUST **VANISHES, AND THEY DON'T SAY WOW! WASN'T IT NEAT TO SEE A GLORIFIED BODY IN ACTION. NO, THAT'S NOT** WHAT THEY TALK ABOUT, FOR THEIR REACTION TO RECOGNIZING JESUS AND HAVING HIM VANISH IS COMMUNICATED IN V. 32 WHERE **WE'LL SEE OUR FINAL POINT TODAY, THE** REACTION. LOOK AT V. 32 PLEASE.

V. THE REACTION, (READ V. 32)

A. NOW THE REACTION BY THESE TWO DISCIPLES IS NOT WOW, OR WHAT A GREAT TRICK TO VANISH, BUT WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US WHILE HE WAS EXPLAINING THE SCRIPTURE TO US?

* AND BELOVED, WHAT LIT. THEIR HEARTS ON FIRE WAS AN UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE, OF THE WORD OF GOD.

**** AND WHAT IS THE BURNING? IT'S THE BURNING OF JOY. JESUS WAS ALIVE AND WELL. HE IS THE MESSIAH. THEIR SINS HAD BEEN FORGIVEN IN CHRIST'S WORK. THEY HAD BEEN MADE RIGHT WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, DECLARED RIGHTEOUS, RIGHT WITH GOD. FOR ROMANS 4:25 SAYS: (QUOTE IT).**

*** AND JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED FOR SINNERS HE WOULD AND WILL SAVE, AND THE RESURRECTION PROVIDED PROOF THAT GOD HAD ACCEPTED THE SACRIFICE OF HIS SON AND WOULD BE ABLE TO BE JUST AND YET JUSTIFY, TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS THE UNGODLY WHO HAVE FAITH ALONE IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE.

**** FOR JESUS IS DECLARED TO BE THE SON OF GOD THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD. JESUS SEPARATED HIMSELF FROM THE REST OF HUMANITY AND ALL OTHER FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS, PROVIDING IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT HE IS GOD THE SON THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.

1. IT IS TO SAY, THAT JESUS CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH WAS THE SUPREME DEMONSTRATION AND MOST CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT HE IS GOD THE SON, THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN, QUOTE ROMANS 1:4.

* AND THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS IN LUKE 24 HAD EASTER FIRE BURNING IN THEIR HEARTS. THEY WERE JOLTED BY THE TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE AND THEY WENT FROM THE PIT EARLIER IN THE DAY TO THE PINNACLE OF JOY.

** WHY? JESUS IS ALIVE. SCRIPTURE IS ALIVE. AND THEIR FIRED HEARTS CAME FROM JESUS EXPLAINING, OPENING UP THE SCRIPTURES.

*** SO WHAT DO THEY DO? THEY RUN TO SPREAD THE FIRE. FOR IN THE SCRIPTURES FOLLOWING OUR TEXT THEY GO BACK TO JERUSALEM THAT NIGHT TO TELL THE OTHER **DISCIPLES, HE'S ALIVE. WHAT JOY!** RESURRECTION JOY!

AND IN WRAP UP AND APPLICATION: (1) I WANT TO ASK THE QUESTION, WHAT IS RESURRECTION JOY?

* WELL, IT IS HAVING OUR SPIRITUAL EYES OPENED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD THAT WE SEE JESUS AS THE RESURRECTED SAVIOR AND LORD, THAT WE RECOGNIZE HIM, THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE.

** AND THEN WE RECEIVE HIM AS LORD AND SAVIOR AS WE SEE OUR SIN AND OUR NEED OF A SAVIOR, AND SEE THAT JESUS IS ALIVE AND TURN TO HIM IN REPENTANT FAITH, TRUSTING HIM ALONE AS THE ONE WHO FORGIVES OUR SINS.

*** AND A DEAD SAVIOR CAN DO NOTHING FOR US, BUT A LIVING ONE CAN FORGIVE OUR SINS.

**** AND OUR JOY IS TWO FOLD. NO. 1 OUR EYES THAT WERE BLIND TO WHO JESUS IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE, HAVE BEEN OPENED, NOW WE SEE THROUGH THE REGENERATING QUICKENING WORK OF GOD TO MAKE US ALIVE. OUR EYES THAT WERE BLIND NOW ARE OPEN AND WE SEE. AND ALL OF THAT COMES THROUGH THE AMAZING SOVEREIGN SAVING GRACE OF GOD.

(2) FOR THE LORD HAD TO OPEN OUR EYES, OUR HEARTS, OUR EARS AND GRANT NEW BIRTH TO BE ALIVE AND SEE THE GLORIOUS RISEN SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

* THEREFORE OUR JOY IS, AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND, THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME, I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW AM FOUND, WAS BLIND, BUT NOW, I SEE!

** WHAT A JOY AND PRIVILEGE IT IS TO SEE THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST AND WHAT IT WAS FOR AND THE GLORY OF CHRIST THAT HE IS THE KING AND LORD AND NOW MY SAVIOR.

***** BUT THE 2'D JOY IS WHEN WE COME TO** KNOW HIM AS OUR LORD AND RISEN SAVIOR. WE HAVE THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS.

**** NO MORE GUILT. NO MORE CONDEMNATION, NO MORE HOPELESSNESS. **HE'S ALIVE AND I'M FORGIVEN, AND NOTHING** CAN EVER SEPARATE ME FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. I AM HIS FOREVER.

(3) I DON'T CARRY THE LOAD AND WEIGHT OF SIN ANYMORE. HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

* SO FINALLY I ASK THE QUESTION TODAY. DO YOU KNOW RESURRECTION JOY? IF YOU DO, PRAISE GOD, LIVE FOR JESUS, AND GET ALL EXCITED AND TELL OTHERS THAT HE IS RISEN.

**** BUT IF YOU DON'T TRULY KNOW HIM, TURN TO HIM TODAY AND REPENT OF YOUR SINS AND RECEIVE HIM AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR. RESURRECTION JOY IS THE BEST JOY. (LET'S PRAY)**