

Luke 24:26
CHRIST ENTERED INTO HIS GLORY

- I. The darkness of mind.
 - A. These two had no explanation for the reports they had been given that morning (19-24) – by the time they left Jerusalem.
 - 1. They were concerned about Jesus whom they had believed to be a prophet, mighty in word and deed (19b).
 - 2. This hope had been destroyed when Israel's chief priests and rulers delivered him to be crucified (20).
 - 3. More disturbing is the news they got earlier that morning, so "astonished" (thrown into confusion and wonderment).
 - B. The unidentified stranger firmly rebuked them for what He called unbelief (25).
 - 1. Their problem was that they did not see how the cross fit into their idea of an earthly redemption of Israel.
 - 2. And that led them to have no eyes for nor understanding of a risen Lord.
- II. The solution to their blind folly is found in seeing the necessity of the cross and its subsequent resurrection to glory.
 - A. Jesus did not let them know who He was, so they would be willing to hear from the Scriptures.
 - B. They were very confused about His death and that it was a death by a cross (cursed).
 - C. But the O.T. Scriptures identified the Messiah as a spiritual King, whose kingdom people were sinners in desperate need of spiritual deliverance from sin's guilt and power (vs. 47).
- III. And the O.T. Scriptures spoke of His spiritual glory by way of a resurrection from the dead (Job 19:26; Ps. 16:9b-11; 49:15; Dan. 12:2; Hosea 13:14) and Jesus predicted it (Matt. 16:21; 26:32; Mark 9:9; John 2:19; 5:25; 6:40; 11:25).
 - A. His kingdom is spiritual and heavenly (not earthly).
 - B. Jesus entered His glory by way of sufferings, just as it is with His people (Acts 14:22).
 - C. He arose and ascended (was exalted) to the glorious position of being above every name and to whom every knee will bow.