

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

4.12.2020 – Easter Sunday

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

The One Revealed in Scripture

Luke 24: 13 – 27, 30 – 32

God allows things to happen in our lives that we are not expecting.

Although Christ himself had explained his crucifixion, because of disbelief, it became an unexpected happening in the lives of the people who had their minds set on a reigning King.

It is at those unexpected times that we are tempted to, doubt his word and lose faith. Just because we are not able to see him for who he is and recognize him, does not mean that he is not walking with us.

V.16 - As with the two on the road to Emmaus, who's eyes were holden. Before Christ opened their physical eyes, he opened the eyes of their heart.

It is in times like these that we need to spend time in his word. Studying, meditating, praying. This is where we will begin to recover our sight.

Christ, before his crucifixion, gave special promises regarding his death and resurrection. Even so, after his death, Christ found these men, as he does a lot of us at times, to be, sad, fearful, perplexed, scattered, defeated and wandering with no sense of purpose. They needed, we need, Gods comfort and direction.

Often times, just like these men, mankind reasons, he discusses, he shares ideas and purposes for comfort one to another, but these words are whole fully inadequate. These deliberations and discussions are with scripture, but are not based on, or founded on Gods word as revealed by the teachings of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. They have become just words with no spiritual meaning. Mankind is ignorant to the truth of Gods word. Although they know the words of the scripture, they do not hold within their heart, the true meaning of the word. We lack spiritual maturity.

God shows us through our needs that we must long for his fellowship, for understanding, for faithfulness, for the ability to place our faith and trust in him, no matter what the circumstance. Christ walks with us to minister unto us.

Because these men did not believe that Christ had risen from the grave, they found themselves relying on their own perspective of the events that were taking place.

Through the trials and tribulations of this world, we often times find ourselves in disbelief that God can and will take care of all things in our lives and the lives of those around us.

Lets look at three things that we see in this scripture text that will help us to better understand when situations arise in our lives.

We see first of all that their (our) view point of what was happening, lacked spiritual understanding. Therefore, we are relying on the natural or worldly man to guide us.

1 Corinthians 2: 14 – 16,the natural man does not receive the things of the spirit of God....

This is due to lack of spiritual understanding. A great battle is going on within us. A struggle between the old nature and the new man in Christ. The only way to win the battle is to give 100% to the study of Gods word, through prayer and the leadership and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Then and only then do we begin to mature and win the battle within.

The second thing we look at is that they (we) allowed their own agenda to determine what our expectations in our life are.

Isaiah 55: 8,9 -For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways....

1 Peter 5: 12,13 -do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you...

God allows trials to strengthen our faith, so we must respond in faith. It is very easy to respond with our own agenda, after all we have had the old nature from the beginning, so it is our first reaction to turn to it in situations. It takes great perseverance and maturity in the Lord to follow after Gods agenda in life over our own.

The third thing that we see, is that they (we) failed to acknowledge the resurrection.

1 John 2: 20 – 23 Whoever denies the Son, does not have the Father either....

Just as we cannot deny the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct beings, yet as one. We cannot deny that there is no eternal life without the cross and the empty tomb, and there is no need for either one of those without Christ. Just as God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one, so is Christ, the Cross (crucifixion) and the empty tomb (resurrection) one. If we do not believe in all, then we do not believe at all.

Hebrews 4: 12for the word of God is living and active....

We find that Christ gave comfort by showing his love and desire to draw near to us, and draw us near to him. To make our conversation meaningful, to turn our sadness into joy, to change our lives and to make us like him.

Christ assured his disciples, that even though he must leave them, he would not leave them comfortless. Christ himself would come to them through the work of the Holy Spirit. By abiding in him, they would become men with a purpose in life. That purpose would be the salvation of the world.

Christ careful review of the scripture gave them a renewed, divine perspective. Their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus.

As we journey through life, we also despair over lifes circumstances and lose heart. But, we must remember, every trial is an opportunity to discover what God wants us to see.

We must allow God to open our eyes, we must:

Invite God in.

Surrender our expectations to him.

Seek Gods perspective in all things.

And trust Gods timing.

1 John 4:13, ...hereby we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his grace.

Life is full of the unexpected. That is when we do the most learning and growing. This is when we have the greatest opportunity to encounter the risen Lord, if we have eyes to see him.

During our suffering, God is near by. He often times will allow our pain to continue until our own desires no longer hold us captive.

We do not have to travel alone, God is with us, if we are willing to see him.

Quotes from the lesson:

When we are extremely focused on our problems, it is difficult to see Jesus.

When we come to know God, our eyes are opened and we understand what we never did before.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all that God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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