

DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US

MARK 16:12-13; LUKE 24:13-35

Text: Luke 24:32

(Luke 24:32) "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

Mark 16:12-13

¹² After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. ¹³ And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.

As we read in our text, these disciples were from Emmaus, on their way home, had broken hearts, and was very sad as they remembered the days that they had spent with Christ.

On their journey home they met Jesus, in which they didn't recognize Him, and began to pour out their heart to this Stranger.

Let's travel this morning with Jesus and these discouraged, backslid disciples.

1. NOTICE HOW JESUS MENDED THEIR BROKEN HEARTS (VV. 13-21)

As they journeyed to Emmaus, they talked sadly of recent events. In their sadness, Jesus draws near, and as He listened to their conversation, He discovers their broken hearts.

A. Their conversation reveals their broken hearts.

1. Discouraged hearts are broken hearts.
2. Depressed hearts are broken hearts.
3. Resigned hearts are broken hearts.

B. See how Jesus begins to mend their hearts.

1. He walks with them even though they don't recognize Him.
2. He asks them what is wrong. (v. 17)

(Luke 24:17) "And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?"

3. He addresses their hurts. "What things" (v. 19)

(Luke 24:19) "And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:"

C. Jesus is the healer of broken hearts.

2. NOTICE HOW JESUS RESTORED THEIR BACK-SLIDDEN HEARTS (VV. 22-27)

They had believed in Him; now they just said nice things about Him. They had expected miracles; now they doubted His resurrection.

A. They were slow of heart to believe (v. 25)

(Luke 24:25) "Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:"

1. Once they had dared; now they are doubtful.
2. Once they had expected redemption; now they retreat.
3. Once they were thrilled; now they are chilled.

B. Jesus restores their back-slidden hearts.

1. He teaches them the Scriptures.
2. They saw that the Scriptures spoke of Him.
3. Faith is restored by taking and applying the Bible.

3. HOW JESUS SETS OUR HEARTS AFIRE AND OPENED THEIR EYES (VV. 28-32)

A. By talking with them. (v.32)

(Luke 24:32) "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

B. By the Word of God.

C. Fellowship with them (vv. 27-29)

(Luke 24:27-29) "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. {28} And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. {29} But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward

evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them."

D. The breaking of bread & His pierced hands
(v. 30)

(Luke 24:30) "And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them."

4. WHAT BURNING HEARTS DID FOR THESE DISCIPLES (VV. 34-35)

A. Made them change directions (v. 33)

(Luke 24:33) "And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,"

B. Made them seek out other Christians and meet with them. (v. 33)

(Luke 24:33) "And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,"

C. Made them a blessing to others. (vv. 34-35)

(Luke 24:34-35) "Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. {35} And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread."

Conclusion:

Let us ask God to set our hearts on afire.