

WHEN MY HEART IS BURNING

Ready for Pentecost #2, Luke 24:13-35

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Luke 24:33

Unrecognized to recognized

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Luke 24:25-35

1. Watch for what gets opened (see Acts 16:14; Mark 7:34,35)
2. The two disciples had their own "resurrection" moment (Russian princess Anastasia)

Doug's question: Why does Luke spend more time in Emmaus than at the empty tomb that first Easter

This is the goal of preaching

² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

Acts 17:1-3, see Romans 10: for Paul's statement on preaching

1. Maybe Luke spends time here because this is the core of the church's *kerygma*
2. Paul "opened" the Scriptures and introduced the world to Jesus!

Meeting Jesus around the table

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2

1. As important as are John Matthew 15:32-39, 1 Corinthians 10:16 and the Upper Room to “breaking bread”, there is a direct line between Acts 2 and Luke 24
2. Jesus will continue to be present in reading Scripture and breaking bread TOGETHER
3. Real change happens when we make space for Jesus to “abide” with us

Joining with the Eleven

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Luke 24:33-35

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind . . .

Acts 2

Blow a trumpet in Zion;
sound an alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near,
² a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Joel 2 (and the beginning of Peters Acts 2 text)

1. “Together” is now the most sacred space
2. “Together” is where God prepares his people for the Holy Spirit and the GATDOTL

What to do when my heart burns

1) This is God's "normal" way of working

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized

Acts 16

2) Find someone to tell

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8

3) Practice hospitality: this can be better even than entertaining angels

Keep on loving each other as brothers. ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13

Resources for studying Luke

Bible.org has some wonderful resources at <https://bible.org/book/Luke>

I. Howard Marshall's Greek commentary is my go to help (Eerdmans, 1978)

Spurgeon has a "Jesus Near but Unrecognized" message on this text at <https://www.spurgeongems.org/chs1180>

Spurgeon "Folly of Unbelief" is at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/folly-of-unbelief/#flipbook/>

J. C. Ryle has an interesting commentary at <https://gracegems.org/Ryle/l24.htm>

Bob Deffinbaugh has a very interesting sermon series on Luke at <https://bible.org/series/luke-gospel-gentiles>.

If you want to equip yourself to explain why we believe in resurrection, Michael Horton has a wonderful, if a bit heavy, article at <https://whitehorseinn.org/resource-library/articles/risen-indeed-2/>

Pink has an interesting "Christian Fools" message at <https://www.monergism.com/christian-fools>