

I. Two hopeless friends. Luke 24:13-17

Jesus is the sinless, unblemished Lamb and we now know that He is the Lamb of God who takes away the _____ of the world.

- The Lord has been working in our lives for a very long time and many of us fail to _____ it; then something happens and all of a sudden we realize, Jesus was there the whole time.

Until we surrender our hearts to the Lord, there will be no real _____ in our lives; because Jesus is the only answer for hopelessness and disappointments.

II. Jesus wants them to reexamine the events. Luke 24:18-24

The Lord cares enough to listen to our _____.

- I believe everyone wants to go to heaven someday; but, there's a problem. Heaven is perfect and the Lord can't allow _____ people in, no matter how good the person thinks they are.

God sent His only Son Jesus to take the death penalty of the cross on our _____; so, in exchange, if we will receive His free gift of salvation, we will receive a right standing before God. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

III. Jesus explains the truth. Luke 24:25-27

Jesus reveals to these two men that their real issue did not come from not knowing; but, from not _____.

- Jesus revealed that all of the appearances of the Lord in the Old Testament were about _____ and for _____. **Colossians 1:16**

IV. Hearts burn within us. Luke 24:28-32

The definition of **hope** is: to cherish a desire with _____ of fulfillment, or to long for with expectation of obtaining, or to anticipate something good.

- **Colossians 2:17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the _____ is of Christ. NKJV**

Many things can lead to disappointment and hopelessness, because there is not a person or a thing in the entire world that can fill the _____ void within your life.

V. Practical Application.

Accept Jesus' free gift of salvation. Only Jesus can set our hearts on fire, to be able to know Him personally and to have a true and _____ Hope.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Luke 24:13-17**. What things were the two friends speaking about while on the Road to Emmaus? Why did these men seem hopeless?
Matthew 21:1-9, Matthew 26:6-7, Matthew 26:26-29, Matthew 26:47, John 20:15
2. What does Christ's resurrection mean for us? What is it about the resurrection that gives you hope? Do you feel the necessity of the resurrection of Jesus in your daily life?
1 Corinthians 15:12-19, Hebrews 7:11, Acts 2:29-36
3. Discuss a time the Lord was working in your life and you didn't even realize it at the time. Why don't people recognize the Lord when He is working in our day?
John 20:14, John 21:4, 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
4. Read **Luke 24:24**. What do you think the men on the Road to Emmaus were thinking once they realized it was Jesus they were talking to? What questions would you ask Jesus if you could, after he was raised from the grave?
Isaiah 53:5-6, Deuteronomy 21:23, Psalm 34:20, Psalm 22:5-8
5. Read **Matthew 5:48**. How can this be a legitimate statement from Jesus? Is this statement cruel and unfair?
Isaiah 1:18, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:20-23, Romans 8:1-4, Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:21,
6. Discuss the practical points of the sermon notes and talk about the hope that is available to all who will receive Jesus.
John 3:16-17, Titus 1:2, Titus 2:13, 1 Peter 1:3