

Burning Hearts

Luke 24:13-49

Next week we will be diving into the book of Acts.

So I wanted to give a prequel before we dive in.
Before we can fully move forward — we must know where we have been.

Acts 1:1 - In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach.

Luke wrote the book of Acts and the book of Luke.

So let's look at where Luke left off in his former book.

In Luke 23 - He tells us about Jesus being crucified to death, and laid in a tomb.

The start of chapter 24 - We see that Jesus is risen and appears to a few of the women who were His followers.

Then we come to our prequel - our teaser of things to come.

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vs 13 - The same day Jesus rose from the dead - 2 of His followers were heading to Emmaus from Jerusalem.

vs 14 - As they were **going**, they **talked** about **all** that had **happened** in the last few days.

vs 15-16 - As they walked and talked... Jesus **joins** them - but they were kept from recognizing Him — — they were **not ready** to see or experience Him yet — — But Jesus **walked** with them anyway.

vs 17 - Questions are a great way to **engage** and **draw** others hearts in. Jesus reminds us of the **power** of the **question** as He walks with them. Jesus asks "What are you **discussing** — as you **Go?**

vs 18 - 24 I love that they question whether Jesus had been living under a rock — that He seemed to be clueless of what had taken place in Jerusalem in the last few days. This question **leads** them to **share** what they **know** ...

- Jesus of Nazareth (maybe you have heard of Him?)
- He was a prophet, powerful in Word and deed before God and everyone.
- However the Chief Priest and rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death and was crucified.
- We were hoping He was the One to redeem Israel.
- But it has been 3 days since all of this took place. (*how can He redeem Israel if He is dead?*)
- And on top of all of that, some of our women went to the tomb this morning and found it open and empty.
- They said they saw angels, who told them that He is alive.
- Then a couple of our brothers ran to the tomb and found it empty as well. (*we are not sure what has happened — could the women have truly encountered angels?*)

vs 25-27 Jesus then comes in with **Truth** to bring more **clarity** to these guys. And He kind of calls them bone heads.

- How have you been so foolish and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken?
- Did not the Christ have to suffer these things?
- He then used the **Story** - the **Scriptures** to explain what all they said about Him.

vs 28-29 Being **drawn** in more and more to the **conversation**, they kept walking. As they approached Emmaus — they begged Him to **stay** with them and continue the conversation.

- *Have you ever been so into a conversation that you lose track of time?*

vs 30 Another thing that Jesus used to draw people to Himself was **food**.

- They decided to eat **together**, all while continuing to talk.

— While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them.

vs 31 Then their **eyes** were **opened** and they recognized Him.

— Then Jesus just disappears.

— They were finally **ready** to **see** and **experience** Him.

vs 32 Then they said to each other “Were not our **hearts** burning with us while He talked with us on the road?”

— Jesus **met** with them on the **GO**.

— John Wesley - strangely warmed from Wesley’s journal 1738

“I Felt My Heart Strangely Warmed”

Wednesday, May 24 — In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more especial manner despitefully used me and persecuted me. I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart. But it was not long before the enemy suggested, “This cannot be faith; for where is thy joy?” Then was I taught that peace and victory over sin are essential to faith in the Captain of our salvation; but that, as to the transports of joy that usually attend the beginning of it, especially in those who have mourned deeply, God sometimes giveth, sometimes withholdeth, them according to the counsels of His own will.

After my return home, I was much buffeted with temptations, but I cried out, and they fled away. They returned again and again. I as often lifted up my eyes, and He “sent me help from his holy place.” And herein I found the difference between this and my former state chiefly consisted. I was striving, yea, fighting with all my might under the law, as well as under grace. But then I was sometimes, if not often, conquered; now, I was always conqueror.

Thursday, 25.—The moment I awakened, “Jesus, Master,” was in my heart and in my mouth; and I found all my strength lay in keeping my eye fixed upon Him and my soul waiting on Him continually.

vs 33-35 They **immediately** got up and returned to Jerusalem, remember they were eating dinner, the day was done.

— So it was night and they had to travel back to Jerusalem, 7 miles in the dark.

— They found the 11 and all those with them.

— They **shared** their **experience**.

— He is ALIVE!

— He **walked** with us and He **talked** with us.

vs 36-45 While they were sharing this...

— Jesus **shows up** in their midst.

— He gave proof with His body, look at my hands and my feet.

vs 46-47 It is written - again He **points** them to the **Scriptures**...

— The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the 3rd day.

— Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to **ALL nations beginning IN** Jerusalem.

— You are **witnesses** of all this.

— I Am going to **send** you what My Father has promised to **help** you, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

— But **stay** in Jerusalem until you are clothed in power from on high.

Here Luke is sharing the road map that Jesus laid out for us. He shares it again in Acts 1:8, which is not only the road map for the book of Acts, but the road map of the church.

Throughout Lukes other book “The Acts of the Apostles” we will see all of these elements in play.

— As they are **going**.

— **Talking** about what they have **seen** and **heard**.

— **Walking along side** of others no matter if they are ready or not.

— **Questions - sharing** what they know.

— Sharing **story's** and **scriptures**.

- **Staying** as long as it takes or as long as God wants them in a place. (some stayed in Jerusalem, other went out. Paul stayed over night at one place.)
- Sharing **food**.
- **Burning hearts** as people begin to experience the power of the death and resurrection.

What or where is God challenging you to grow in or move into?

Have Amber come up to introduce Acts study.