



Uniontown Bible Church

Sermon Guide
April 5: Luke 18 & 24

What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Key Takeaways:

1. The disciples couldn't understand Jesus' predictions because they were looking for a different kind of Messiah
2. The resurrection wasn't Plan B—it was always the plan, woven throughout all of Scripture
3. We often need to remember what God has already said rather than waiting for something new
4. The empty tomb means death took its best shot and lost—we have nothing left to fear
5. Because Jesus walked out of the tomb, we can walk free

Discussion Questions:

Read Luke 18:31-34 together

1. The disciples heard Jesus clearly predict His death and resurrection, but "they understood none of these things." Why do you think they couldn't grasp what Jesus was saying?
2. Have you ever had a moment where God was clearly speaking to you, but you couldn't understand it at the time? What helped you eventually see what He was saying?
3. The disciples were "so busy looking in a different direction for what they expected the Messiah to be, they couldn't possibly grasp what Jesus was telling them." What expectations do we sometimes bring to God that keep us from seeing what He's actually doing?

The Women at the Tomb: Read Luke 24:1-8 together

4. The women came to the tomb expecting to find a body to embalm, not a resurrection. What does this tell us about where their hope was at that moment?
5. The angels asked, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" and reminded them of Jesus' words. Why is remembering what Jesus already said so powerful?

6. They didn't get new information. They just had to remember the old information. When have you experienced breakthrough not from learning something new, but from remembering something God already told you?

The Road to Emmaus: Read Luke 24:13-32 together

7. Jesus walked through the entire Old Testament showing how it all pointed to Him. How does seeing Jesus throughout all of Scripture (not just the Gospels) change the way we read the Bible?
8. The two disciples were "prevented from recognizing" Jesus even though He was right there with them. When have you struggled to recognize God's presence even though He was with you? What moment or circumstance finally helped you see Him?
9. Some of the things Jesus has already said:
 - "I am with you always"
 - "There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus"
 - "My grace is enough for you"
 - "I will never leave you"
 - "Come to me when you're weary and I will give you rest"

Which of these do you most need to remember right now in your current circumstances?

10. Too often we run into our difficult moments...and we're think, "I just need something new from you, Lord." He did already. What are you currently asking God for that He may have already answered in His Word? How can remembering the resurrection specifically give you hope in what you're facing right now?

Practical Applications:

1. Pick one of the promises Jesus made (listed in question 9) and write it on a notecard. Place it where you'll see it daily. When anxiety, fear, or discouragement hits, read it aloud and remember what He already said.
2. Read through one of the Old Testament stories mentioned in the sermon (Abraham & Isaac, Joseph, Passover, David & Goliath, or Jonah). Journal about how you see Jesus in that story differently now.
3. The women at the tomb became "the original evangelists." Share with one person this week what the resurrection means to you personally—how the empty tomb has changed your life.
4. Each day this week, write down one thing you're grateful for because "the tomb is empty." At the end of the week, review your list and thank God for His resurrection power in your life.