

A Risen Savior Means Hope Rather than Doubt and Despair

Luke 24:13-35

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Introduction...

- Last week heard the Apostle Peter encourage us through the trials of life by pointing us back to Jesus' resurrection and forward to our own resurrection.
- Today we turn to the story of two men full of doubt and despair who are then filled with Hope by our risen Savior!

Part I – Doubt and Despair (Luke 24:13-24) ...

- It was the third day after the death and burial of Jesus and they were full of doubt and despair over what had transpired.
- We often get caught up in the hopelessness of a situation and are blinded to the promises of God.
cf. Romans 8:28, Josh 1:5-6
- The two disciples are asked to tell the reason for their sadness.
- The disciples tell a story of high hopes and shattered dreams.

Part II – Hope in Christ (Luke 24:25-32)...

- Our resurrected Lord listened to His disciples and then moves them from doubt and despair to Hope!
- Jesus reminded the disciples how foolish and slow to believe they had been.
- The Lord used the Scriptures to explain to them why the Savior had to suffer and rise again. What a Bible class this must have been!
- It was almost as if the Lord was showing the disciples that they could have avoided all this despair had they only read their Bibles.
- The doubt and despair of these two disciples was turned to Hope by our risen Savior sharing the Word of God.
- At present, the Bible is the most published book of all time, but to read the Bible is not necessarily to believe it. We need the Holy Spirit to burn within us.

Conclusion/Review (Luke 24:33-35)...

- Hope had replaced doubt and despair and they knew of only one thing to do...Go and tell others the Good News.
- Doubt and Despair are changed to Hope because of our risen Lord and Savior. Go and tell this Good News and Rejoice in God's glory.

(tuck these notes in your Bible for review and encouragement)