

Easter 2017

1st Sunday After Easter: Jesus Teaches!

Weekly Summary: Expectations. We all have them. Sometimes when our expectations are not met we can become discouraged and frustrated. That was true for two of Jesus' disciples on Easter Sunday afternoon. They lamented, "We had hoped that he would be the one who would redeem Israel." Their expectations of what Jesus would do were misguided. The reality was, Jesus not only met their expectations but exceeded them. They eventually understood who Jesus really was and what he had accomplished for them. Please join us as we savor the Easter news, and how it influences our expectations.

- ❖ Question: What unexpected events have you experienced in life?

- ❖ Luke 24:21a - "We had hoped that he was the one who would redeem Israel."

- ❖ Matthew 21:9 - "Hosanna to the Son of David Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

- ❖ Luke 24:25-27 - 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.

- ❖ Luke 24:32 - "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

- ❖ Seek your **Savior** in times of need. He will patiently **teach** you.

- ❖ Question: What is your "Go To" passage in Scripture that makes your heart burn within you?

- ❖ Luke 24:28-29 - 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.

- ❖ Jesus gives **comfort** when we spend time with him.

- ❖ Luke 24:33-34 - 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.”

- ❖ Jesus gives us **joy**.

- ❖ Question: What is your favorite aspect of Easter?

Points to Ponder

1. Share with others a time in life that was especially good (past or present). Share a time that was especially challenging. What kind of emotions do you think the Emmaus disciples experienced between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday evening? What Bible passages might Jesus have used to teach them about the Messiah? (See Psalm 22 and 69:21.)
2. “Stay with us.” The disciples found comfort from their discussion with Jesus. How, When, Where do you spend time with Jesus? Share your ways with others to encourage them to do the same. Share your favorite “Go To” passage with your group.
3. Easter Joy. Jesus Lives! Discuss ways that Easter is different from any other kind of earthly celebration we experience in our lives. What aspect of the Easter account gives you the most joy? Share any other take aways from the Emmaus account.

Homework For Next Week: Luke 24:36-49