

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 19th April 2020

Sermon Title: Meeting the risen Jesus

Bible Passages: Luke 24:13-49

Introduction

Take time to read the passage again and reflect on the below questions:

- In what ways did the Lord speak to you through the passage and preach?
- What did you take away from the preach which will impact your discipleship?

Recapping the preach

Nick described how at various points in that roller coaster of a few days, from mourning to joy and amazement and everything in between, Jesus's followers who were at different stages of belief and understanding, were brought back by the risen Jesus to scriptural truths that affirmed, encouraged and strengthened them, giving them purpose.

Questions for reflection:

- How does talking things through with others from a faith perspective work for you?
- In what ways have you experienced a revelation? (God revealing his word/will to you in a general or specific way)
- Where does meeting with Jesus normally occur for you? (quiet time, prayer meetings, DG's, daily devotions, in the shower, sport)
- What books, passages or verses speak most into your life?

We are all influenced by many things including but not restricted to; culture, personal experiences and society at large. Matthew, Mark and John all make mention of some of the events after Jesus had risen, yet it is only Luke that focuses on how Jesus used scripture to open their eyes and minds.

Questions for reflection:

- By reading v19-24 again – what do you think Luke wanted the early church to grasp from Jesus allowing them to tell him all that had happened, as if talking to a stranger?
- First Mary Magdalene told them all, then Simon Peter, then the two on the Emmaus Rd. What picture is being painted here that we can airbrush ourselves into?

- Jesus looked 'ordinary', the same well known and loved features and voice were apparent – yet he wasn't recognized by those he loved. What may keep us who proclaim to know the Lord from recognizing Jesus today?
- Taking into account how Luke shows Jesus opening their eyes and minds, what would you deem to be the *THE* need of the human soul?

Response

- Has anything that has been discussed now, changed what you may have taken away from the original preach or your understanding of the passage previously?
- What could you take away from this discussion, that you would want your eyes and mind opened to more succinctly?

Prayer pointers

- Focus on one thing that you feel God is speaking to you about, and ask him to reveal it to you in his word, so that you have peace knowing it is his voice and no one else's.
- Pray that God's people would trust in the word of the divine Saviour, both written and spoken.
- That those who seek the truth shall find it.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources, the below websites are useful:

<https://www.gotquestions.org>

<https://enduringword.com>

<https://www.biblica.com>

<https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>