

Third Sunday of Easter – 2026

Saturday, 4/18 at 4:00 | Sunday, 4/19 at 9:00

Who Needs to Hear about Jesus' Resurrection?

Text: Luke 24:13-35 NAS 2020

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: Decades ago, *I saw a man alive who had passed away!* It seemed completely amazing! Then I heard the explanation: He hadn't passed away; instead, he had passed out. *Mystery solved!*

What about Jesus? **He †**was nailed to a cross, **†**exhaled His last breath, and **†**had a spear thrust into His side. He did not pass out, ***He passed away!*** But what happened on the third day after His body was placed into a tomb? This is the Bible account from [Luke chapter 24](#), beginning in [verse 13](#):

- Setting:** ¹³ And behold, on that very day two of them [*Cleopas and another disciple of Jesus*] were going to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty stadia [*about 7 miles*] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. ¹⁶ **But** their eyes were kept [*imperfect passive*] from recognizing Him.
- Marveling and Wavering:** ¹⁷ And [Jesus] said to them, **“What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?”** **And they came to a stop, looking sad.** ¹⁸ *One of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You *possibly* the only one living near

Jerusalem who does not know about the things that happened here in these days?”¹⁹ And He said to them, **“What sort of things?”** And they said to Him, “Those about **Jesus the Nazarene, who proved to be a prophet** mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and crucified Him.

²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is *now* the third day since these things happened. ²² But also some women among us [*followers of Jesus*] left us bewildered. When they were at the tomb early in the morning,²³ and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. ²⁴ And so some of those who were with us [*in the upper room*] went to the tomb, and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” // Regarding Jesus – *He seemed to be the Messiah, but then He died, but then angels said He was alive!* As all their hope rested on Jesus, *let us do the same!*

3. **Necessary and Amazing:**²⁵ And *then* He said to them, **“You foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! [*Are we like them, or do we fully believe all of the Bible?*]**²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to come into His glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures.

- a. What does the OT say about Jesus’ saving work?
 - i. God promised it beforehand!
 - ii. Sin required an all-sufficient sacrifice!

- iii. God's justice needed to be fully satisfied!
- iv. He had to be our sinless substitute!
- v. He had to be the ultimate high priest!
- vi. His suffering was His path to glory!
- vii. He won the victory over all our enemies!

b. What OT things might Jesus have explained?

- i. The first promise of His coming (Gen. 3:15).
- ii. Being a descendant of Abram (Gen. 12:3).
- iii. Being the prophet like Moses (Deu. 18:15).
- iv. Being the Rejected Stone (Psalm 118:22).
- v. Being the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53:3).
- vi. Bearing the sins of all people (Isaiah 53:6).
- vii. His own death and resurrection (Psalm 16:10).
- viii. Being the source of Forgiveness (Jer. 31:34).

4. **God's Timing:** ²⁸ And they approached the village where they were going, and He gave the impression that He was going farther. ²⁹ And so they strongly urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. ³⁰ And it came about, when He had reclined *at the table* with them, that He took the bread and blessed *it*, and He broke *it* and *began giving it* to them. ³¹ And *then* their eyes were opened [*completely opened – aor. pass.*] and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. // The LORD showed them Jesus' identity – *when the time was right*. What do we need the LORD to reveal to us?

a. **Our sins** – *so we can turn from them!*

- b. **Assurance** – *that in Jesus we are forgiven!*
 - c. **The next step to take** – *in this complicated world!*
 - d. **The person** – *with whom we should share God’s truth!*
5. **Urgency to Tell:** ³² They said to one another, “Were our hearts not burning within us when He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?” ³³ And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem [7 more miles, probably at night], and found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, ³⁴ saying [to Cleopas and the other disciple], “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ They *began* to relate their experiences on the road, and how He was recognized by them at the breaking of the bread.
- a. The importance of telling: Our part is **not** to convert, **but** to tell. Tell what? **He** ❤️ loves you, ❤️ lived for you, ❤️ paid your penalty, ❤️ died for you, ❤️ was raised from the dead, ❤️ is calling you to turn from your sins, and ❤️ is calling you to trust in Him for heaven!
 - b. Putting difficulty in the proper perspective:
 - i. Paul: “I have become all things to all people, so that I may by all means save some” (1Co. 9:22).
 - ii. Hannah Potantus: Open to God’s will and willing to travel thousands of miles to serve the Lord.
 - iii. Us: What does the HS want us to say or do?

Let Us Pray: Dear HS, please fill us, guide us, and use us!

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