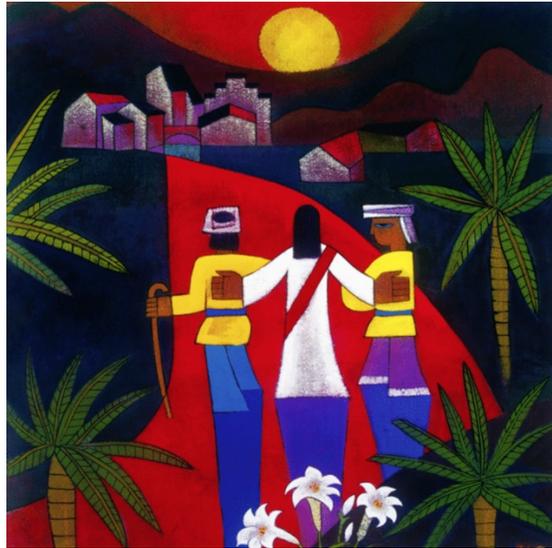


040421 Growth Group Study

A Whole New World

Luke 24:13-35



Background: He has risen!... He has risen indeed! Just like that song in Disney's Aladdin, when Jesus rose from the dead, he ushered in "A Whole New World." As we explore the Emmaus Road scene for Easter this Sunday, we will reflect upon the characteristics of this whole new world that Jesus has brought with his resurrection.

Sermon Text (ESV):

Luke 24:13-35

I. *Jesus Arrives (13-16)*

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles[a] from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

II. *Jesus Asks (17-24)*

17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they

said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

III. Jesus Answers (25-29)

25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.

IV. Jesus Reveals (30-35)

30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions

- Cleopas and his wife(?) were leaving Jerusalem to return home to Emmaus, disappointed and confused about why things had not worked out as expected. Their hopes had been dashed. When have your hopes been dashed before? How has/did Jesus meet you in that place of disappointment and hopelessness?
- Many hoped that Jesus would redeem Israel from the bondage/oppression of Rome, but He came for much more than that. What things are you hoping for in Jesus that may not be the “real issue” He is concerned with?
- Shawn listed 7 characteristics of our whole new world, ushered in through Jesus’s suffering, death, and resurrection. Which ones are most meaningful to you?
 - **Power:** found in the way of the cross, not in the way our culture says to grab power
 - **Death:** defeated when Jesus was raised to life
 - **Fear:** with Jesus as our Lord, we don’t need to fear death, because He has freed us to live life, even abundantly
 - **Freedom:** the power of sin/evil over us is gone, and we have new courage to stand up & against the forces of sin/evil (e.g., MLK Jr., IJM)
 - **Presence:** Jesus will go where He is invited – our home, work, classroom, Zoom, hospital... Will you invite Him to join you daily, moment-by-moment into the challenges of life? Who can you come alongside with in purposeful community to share life with and encourage?
 - **Hope:** Jesus gives us a living, unshakable hope to go into the world and change it for His good & glory. Who in your life needs to know about this hope in Jesus?
 - **Revelation:** Jesus the Word steps out into our lives, so we know that suffering doesn’t have the last word, He does. How has Jesus revealed Himself to you this past week?