

Text: Luke 24:13-35

Title: Mistaken Identity

Thesis: Because of Jesus' miraculous resurrection which vindicated Him and all He had claimed, we must recognize the reality of who He is and share that truth with the world.

I. Introduction

- a. NTA: Steven Covey – Things (businesses) are made of two creations, one in the mind, and the other realized. If there is a problem with the second, it almost always is a result of a failure in the first.
- b. If something doesn't meet our expectations, often it is our expectations that are at fault. Jesus reveals to two disciples where there expectations of Him were wrong, and reveals who He truly is.

II. Mistaken Expectation, Mistaken Identity (13-24)

- a. E - Things are not what they expected, not what they hoped for, not what they were planning on, and this is the only thing on their minds. They could not see the Divine plan, could not see God at work in their lives, and could not see the Messiah right there beside them.
- b. I - William Ward - Discouragement is dissatisfaction with the past, distaste for the present, and distrust of the future. It is ingratitude for the blessings of yesterday, indifference to the opportunities of today, and insecurity regarding strength for tomorrow. It is unawareness of the presence of beauty, unconcern for the needs of our fellowman, and unbelief in the promises of old. It is impatience with time, immaturity of thought, and impoliteness to God.
- c. A – So many times, our disillusionment and disappointment comes from mistaken expectations and mistaken identity. We create in our own minds who we think Jesus should be and what He should do in our lives, instead of letting the Word of God tell us. When it doesn't match with what we experience, we become disheartened, perhaps even blaming "the church" or even Jesus himself. Stop allowing your own idea of who Jesus is supposed to be cloud your thinking. Stop blaming Him when He isn't what you want Him to be. Instead get to know Him for who He is.

III. Re-Introducing the Messiah

- a. E – Jesus reveals himself to the disciples in two ways – by reminding them of what they should have known, and then spending time with them in fellowship.
- b. I –
 - i. **Micah 5** – He would be born in Bethlehem
 - ii. **Luke 2** – He was born in Bethlehem
 - iii. **Zech. 11** – He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver
 - iv. **Matt. 26** – He was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver
 - v. **Ps. 22** – He would be sneered at and mocked
 - vi. **Luke 23** – He was sneered at and mocked
 - vii. **Is. 50** – He would be spat on and struck
 - viii. **Matt. 26** – He was spat on and struck
 - ix. **Ps. 22** – They would gamble for his clothes
 - x. **Matt. 27** – They gambled for his clothes

- xi. **Is. 53** – He would be crucified between 2 thieves
- xii. **Mark 15** – He was crucified between 2 thieves
- xiii. **Zech. 12** – He would be pierced
- xiv. **John 19** – He was pierced
- xv. **Is. 53** – He would be buried with the rich
- xvi. **Matt. 27** – He was buried with the rich
- xvii. **Ps. 16** – He would be resurrected
- xviii. **Mark 16, Luke 24:5** – Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen.

- c. A - A number of years ago, Kellogg's had a campaign slogan out for their Corn Flakes, attempting to re-ignite interest in them. "Taste them again for the first time." It was their way of saying, you've mistaken who we are, in this world full of junk food and things that give momentary satisfaction that doesn't last. Tragically, many have done that with Jesus.... Get to know who Jesus really is. Throw out what the world around you tells you about who Jesus is, and let Him speak for Himself.

IV. We've Got to Share This

- a. E – The disciples recognize what they have been missing, and so they return to tell the others about their mistaken expectations and what Jesus has revealed to them. The only way to help others overcome their disillusionment was to point them to what Jesus had revealed to them.
- b. I – John Piper – When we find something that we truly enjoy, something worth raving about, our own joy in it is not complete until we share that experience with others. (Steak, movie, etc.)
- c. A – If Christ has truly made a difference in your life; If you've really come to know the true Messiah, then compound your joy by sharing Him with others, and the only real way to do that is to point to the Word of God. Allow them to experience Jesus for who He claims to be as well.

V. Conclusions