



**“Divine Heartburn”**

**Luke 24:28-35**

Nov. 17, 2024

**Passion Week**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-20).	10 Select the Passover lamb (Exodus 12:3) "On the tenth of this month they are to take each one to take a lamb for a family, for themselves..."	11 Jesus curses the fig tree (divine judgment re: Israel)	12 Withered fig tree is seen again (Mark 11)	13 Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (northern Israel) celebrate Passover on Thursday after sunset.	14 6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jewish then 3 Roman) <b>The Passover day.</b> Jews from Judaea (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. <b>Sacrifice the lamb.</b> Exodus 12:6 "You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the month when it is sacrificed." Deut. 16:6	15 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread continues for 7 days	16 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected

**1<sup>st</sup> month of Hebrew Calendar.** (Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

**#1** Friday

**#2** Saturday

**#3** Sunday

**FAITH** Faith Matters

**Luke 24:13-27**

- 13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven 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 prevented from recognizing Him.
- 17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.
- 18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"
- 19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was 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 delivered Him to the sentence of 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 the third day since these things happened.
- 22 "But also some women among us amazed us. 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 "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.
- 25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
- 26 "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"
- 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

**Jesus in the Old Testament:**

- I'm the Seed of the women in Gen.
- I'm the Passover Lamb of Ex.
- I'm the Anointed High Priest of Lev.
- I'm the Brazen Serpent of Num.
- I'm the Great Rock of Deut.
- I'm the Captain of the Lord's Hosts of Josh.
- I'm the Messenger of the Lord of Judges.
- I'm the Kinsmen Redeemer of Ruth
- I'm the Great Judge in 1 Sam.
- I'm the Seed of David of 2 Sam.
- I'm the Lord God of Israel of 1 Kg.
- I'm the God of the Cherubim of 2 Kg.
- I'm the God of our salvation in 1 Chrn.
- I'm the God of our fathers of 2 Chrn.

- I'm the Lord of Heaven & Earth of Ezra.
- I'm the Covenant-keeping God of Neh.
- I'm the God of Providence in Esther.
- I'm the Returning Redeemer of Job.
- I'm the Good shepherd of the Psalms.
- I'm the Wisdom of God in the Proverbs.
- I'm the One "above the Sun" of Eccl.
- I'm the Altogether Lovely of Song of Solomon.
- I'm the Virgin-born Immanuel of Is.
- I'm the Branch of Righteousness of Jer.
- I'm the Compassionate One of Lam.
- I'm the "Lord Is There" of Ezek.
- I'm the Stone Cut w/o Hands of Dan.

I'm the King of the Res in Hos.  
I'm the God of the Battle of Joel.  
I'm the Plumbline of Amos.  
I'm the Destroyer of the Proud of Obad.  
I'm the Risen Prophet of Jonah.  
I'm the Bethlehem-Born of Micah.  
I'm the Bringer of Good Tidings of Nahum.  
I'm The Anointed of Hab.  
I'm the King of Israel of Zeph.  
I'm the Desire of All Nations of Hag.  
I'm the Branch of Zech.  
I'm The Sun of Righteousness of Malachi.

**28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther.**

- "acted" – showed movement, actions that indicated. Jesus intended to keep going. Not pretended. Not faking it. Jesus was always upright and honest in His intentions.
- His mission was accomplished.
- Jesus appeared to these two to teach them and help them understand why His mission had not failed.
- He takes them right through the Scripture of the O.T.
- How ridiculous for someone today, like Andy Stanley, to say we need to unhitch the O.T. Scriptures from the rest of the Bible.  
*"Hey, it's time that we face the facts and unhitch our faith and our practice from some of these Old Testament values that we can appreciate in their original context, but we really don't have any business dragging them into a modern context."*
- "... the less we depend on the Old Testament to prop up our New Testament faith the better because of where we are in [the] culture."  
"I'm convinced that we make a better case for Jesus if we leave the Old Testament or the old covenant out of the argument."  
- Andy Stanley
- This is as old as the Marcion heresy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century.

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- "urged" – παραβιάζομαι – to compel, to constrain, to beg. Strong word.
- They had an incredible hunger for the Scripture to be taught to them. They really could not get enough!
- That is what the Word does for us. It calms our fears. It lifts us up. It gives us understanding.
- When you have been blessed by the Word, you want more. Like Lay's potato chips – "bet you can't have just one."

**Ps 34:8**

- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
- They could not stop, they wanted more.
- Jesus was more than willing to give them more. He is the same with us.

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- This is the supper meal. Not communion – no wine.
- Bread was a usual place to start. Used for dipping.
- **Note:** He prayed before the meal.
- Jesus is acting like the host. Why? He’s hungry and they are running on adrenaline.
- It’s been a long day, a long walk . . . time to eat.
- But the 2 followers of Jesus want only to be fed the bread of the Word.

**Matt 4:4**

4 "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

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- At this point, God opens their eyes.

**God opens the eyes, just like at salvation:**

1. "Dead" Eph. 2:1-4
  2. "Blind" 2 Cor. 4:3-6
  3. "Unregenerate" Jn. 3:1-8; 1 Pet. 1:3
  4. "Slaves of sin" Rom. 6:17,18
- **"vanished"** – disappear.

- **Note:** Did Jesus leave them? No. They could not see Him any longer but He was still there with them. (Heb. 13:5)
- So it is with us. We can't see Him, but He is always with us.

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- God was doing a work in their hearts with His Word.

- Here is how they felt – "It was like a fire within them."

**Jer 23:29**

29 "Is not My Word like fire?" declares the Lord,

- If you hunger for the Word and to be taught, God will meet your need.

**Matt 5:6**

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

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- Wow! Are they excited or what?
- It may be 8 or 9 in the evening. They have a 2 ½ hour walk back to Jerusalem. It doesn't matter. This is life-changing news that needs to be shared.
- Dark, dangerous.
- The 11 are there + others.
- They can't wait to tell them.

"One of the marks of true conversion is the way a person's heart is changed by the indwelling Christ. Truth and events that once seemed unimportant or even irrelevant take on new significance, new meaning. A cold, dead heart that was completely wrapped up in self-centered pursuits begins to thaw and warm to the realities of the Spirit and the needs of others. John Wesley described it by saying his heart was "strangely warmed"; the Emmaus-bound disciples asked, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Does your heart burn for the realities of God? Has it grown cold due to neglect or sin? Only by spending time in the presence of the living Christ can you reverse the cooling process. Make a commitment to spend some time with him—today."

- Bruce Barton

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Once you encounter Christ,  
nothing will ever be the same again.

- If Jesus is alive, there's no time to waste.
  - If Jesus is alive, everything we believe is true.
  - If Jesus is alive, then death has been defeated.
  - If Jesus is alive, then heaven is more than a dream.
  - If Jesus is alive, then our sins are really forgiven.
  - If Jesus is alive, then all his promises are true.
- If Jesus is alive, then we can never truly be alone again.

**34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."**

- The 11 had already heard from Peter.
- They were ready for more good news.
- God is confirming over and over the truth of the resurrection – women, Peter, and now Cleopas and traveling companion.

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- Now it is their turn to share their story.
- What did they share?
  - a man joins them on their way walking to Emmaus.
  - they spend 2 hours+ in in-depth Bible study.
  - they see Jesus all over the O.T. Scriptures.
  - their hearts burned with excitement.
  - they arrive at Emmaus and beg the man to stay and teach them more.
  - He does but must eat.
  - after a prayer and bread, they recognize that the man is Jesus.
  - He disappears in thin air.
  - So we make fast tracks back here to share this with you.

**Application**

1. Those who “hunger and thirst for righteousness” will demonstrate their hunger by their passion for God’s Word. It will be seen in individuals, Christian organizations, Christian colleges, seminaries and churches.
2. The level of your “divine heartburn” will be in proportion to your craving for the Word.
3. When you study the Word or hear the Word taught, expect it to have an affect on you.
4. Don’t forget to share your excitement.