

But He Said ... Don't be Slow of Heart

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Luke 24:13-32

- I. While Jesus was with his disciples, he quoted the scriptures concerning himself to them often:**
 - a. They did not hear or understand
 - b. He plainly told them he had to suffer before entering his glory
 - c. His death became a stumbling block for them

- II. Talking with these two disciples on the way to Emmaus, they tell him -**
 - a. They believed him to have been a mighty prophet in word and deed before God and all the people.
 - b. How the religious leaders delivered Him up to be crucified
 - c. How they had trusted that He would have been the one to redeem Israel; on top of that – it has been 3 days since he died.

- III. They continue to doubt the words concerning Him:**
 - a. The women told of their encounter with the angels, telling them that he was risen as he said – was like a fable being told to them.
 - b. Others went to the grave and told the same thing – that he was not in the grave

- IV. The disciples had been too dependent upon his physical presence to really hear the words that were coming out of his mouth. They did not learn that it was the words he spoke that was their life:**
 - a. They heard only the parts they wanted to hear – that he had a kingdom and nothing about the suffering and dying.

- V. Many puzzling and perplexing things in our lives, would be both plain and profitable if we rightly understood and believed the words of Christ.**

- VI. Failure to believe results in a failure to see and recognize Jesus:**
 - a. They had to have physical evidence – breaking of break, feeling the nail prints in his hand, the hole in his side.
 - b. They failed to see his glory because they failed to hear and believe his words. Before he was to reign, he had to suffer. He had to bear his cross before he wears his crown - death before life. They should have remembered – “**But he said, I will rise again** the third day.”

Areas in our life of doubt, confusion, hopelessness, darkness, etc. – Our response should be ...But He Said.....