

Resurrection Aftershocks

Luke 24:13-18

YOU HAVE TO CORRECT FAULTY ASSUMPTIONS

So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain 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.” Mark 24:19-24

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The first assumption: **“I thought”**

Jesus had told His followers so much about what was going to take place before it happened, but nobody was paying attention

They thought they knew what He should do, so they stopped paying attention to His truth

You and I can do exactly the same thing; we think we know how the Lord should act in in our lives, so we stop listening to Him

We want to define our spirituality our own way rather than God’s way

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The second assumption: **“I Heard”**

“Are you the only one who has not heard about what has happened?”

The problem with their approach is that faith once removed is still removed

It will never be enough to try to practice a second-hand faith

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The third assumption: **“I Believed”**

“We were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel” Luke 24:21

They were confused because while God had done what He promised, it was not the way they wanted Him to act

The reason that all those assumptions were off course is because they all began at the wrong place - **Me**

YOU HAVE TO LET JESUS BRING YOU BACK ON TRACK

First, He showed them where they had gone wrong

“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” Luke 24:25-26

He exposed faulty faith

That is what you need from the Lord

You need to hunger for the Holy Spirit to do whatever He has to do in order to correct you

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Next, Jesus revealed God's truth

“And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.” Luke 24:27

When you need to get back on course spiritually, the first thing you need to know is what God says

Make a simple promise – when God reveals something in the Bible, I will apply it to my life

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Finally, Jesus revealed Himself personally

“Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him.” Luke 24:31

When your life is off track, there is nothing you need more than a personal encounter with Jesus

Do away with distractions

Set aside disobedience

Pay attention to His Word

Hear His Holy Spirit

Then you will see the Lord for Who He really is