

LOST | FOUND

Easter

What Do You Find in Christ?

Luke 24:16

16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

- **We have news and witnesses of Jesus' resurrection, but no one has seen Jesus**
- **Even when Jesus comes to them, they don't recognize him**
 - **Pain can make us lose our awareness of Christ being near us every day**

Luke 24:19-24

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."

- **They are doubting what they are hearing about Jesus**
 - **Pain can cause us to have selective memory about the Bible, Jesus and God's work in our lives**
- **They are reluctant to call Jesus Messiah any more**
 - **Pain has caused them to forget all Jesus said about being the Savior**

Luke 24:25-27

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.

- **This seems pretty harsh- Jesus didn't coddle them, but he was kind**
- **He corrects them, clarifies the Bible, and calls to memory how all of Scripture points to Christ**
 - **This is mercy in the darkness- a new relationship with Jesus in truth**
 - **We can miss God's severe mercies when we are in painful loss**

- **Jesus helps them wrestle with God's Word so they can see him clearly**
- **What they have formerly read in Scripture doesn't seem to match up with the pain they are currently experiencing**
- **Christ walks them through the OT and shows them himself through it all**
 - **When we lose things, we will find ourselves wrestling with Scripture like never before**

Luke 24:28-35

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

29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, 34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

- **When Jesus breaks the bread and hands it to them, they SEE him!**
- **They see him as the fulfillment of all Scripture**
- **They see him as the resurrected Savior**
- **They see that everything they thought they had lost is found in the resurrected Christ!**