

SERVANTHOOD – The Faith of the Servant

Luke 24:13-31, 35 (20-24)

The 3 Dilemmas of Doubt

[Doubt is not necessarily the absence of FAITH...but rather, Doubt is SICK FAITH]

But God has a healing portion for EVERYONE with sick Faith today!!

Let's look at the reason for their doubts...

Luke 24:20-24 KJV And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and **have crucified him.**

21 But **we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel:** and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that **they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.**

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

Earlier in verse 16 it says... "But their eyes were holden that they should not know him."

What blinded them? What caused them NOT to know their Lord and Master?

They were blinded by their...

- **PAIN** – they had watched Him die, themselves. Not just a funeral and a casket, and a slow walk to a cemetery somewhere...they saw it ALL right before their eyes...and their pain **BLINDED THEM EMOTIONALLY!**
- **PRE-CONCEIVED RELIGIOUS NOTIONS** – things had not happened like they had been conditioned to think they would happen...or how they had conditioned themselves to think they would happen...messiah ben Judah vs. messiah ben youseff
 - **1 talent servant of Matthew 25:18, 24 - 25 KJV** But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. **24** Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: **25** And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.
 - **Wrong relationship, and Fear**
- **PRESENT PROBLEMS AND CIRCUMSTANCES** – it was a CIRCUS at that time, with some claiming visions of angels, others demanding to know the whereabouts of the body of Jesus, and temple leaders screaming FRAUD...

Those disciples weren't any different then than we are today...or than Job was in his day...

Job 23:1-10 WHERE IS GOD?!

- IN MY PAIN?
- IN MY CONFUSION?
- IN MY PROBLEMS?

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Peter could have asked that in the STORM...

David knew all about that, listen to him in **Psalm 50:3** Our God **shall** come, **and shall not keep silence**: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

CONCLUSION:

Philippians 3:10-14 KJV That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

He is a ...

HEALER for my PAIN

He offers me...

A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUTH for all my confused notions of Him

He calls me to...

TRUST HIM in all the problem areas of my life

- FAITH says I know God can heal me tonight!
- But TRUST says, if God never heals me again, I will still trust and serve Him.

THERE IS A PRIZE OUT THERE IN FRONT OF US!!!

It is THE PRIZE of the HIGH CALLING OF GOD!!