**The Barometer of Understanding Easter**

Luke 24:13-35

**Introduction:**

* How well do we understand what we hear and read?
* How can we be confident that we understand the important things of life, some of which involve life & death?
* Accurately processing some information can be a matter of life and death!
* How do we accurately assess whether we accurately understand the Word of God and what God is saying to us?

Like Christmas and Palm Sunday, the events of Easter are well recorded in the word of God. Many people, whether or not they profess to believe or even be religious, remember snippets of those events. But the Scriptures remind us that it is not only what we remember but also what we do with what we remember that makes the spiritual difference.

**That is clear in the heart warming/heart burning account of “The Two on the Road to Emmaus.”**

* Two of them – disciples – Mk 16:12
* Emmaus – 11 km NW of Jerusalem
* **Pointed comments/questions:**
  + **JESUS** *“What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”*
  + **TWO FROM EMMAUS** *“Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know what has happened in these days?”*
  + **JESUS** *“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!”*
  + **JESUS** *“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?”*
* **After the Bible Study**:
  + Jesus’ action and the strong urging of the two.
  + Jesus took the bread and blessed it.
  + Their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.
  + ***“Did not our hearts burn within us while we talked on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?”***
  + Returned to Jerusalem – testimonies:
    - *“The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”*
    - *“What happened on the road and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.”*

The take away lessons from “the two on the road to Emmaus” can be summarized by how we answer these few questions:

1. **Does my heart/do our hearts burn when we spend time with our Lord in His word?**
2. **Do we**:
   * Naturally talk with others about Jesus?
   * Selflessly ask others what they know about Jesus?
   * Warmly welcome Jesus and the word of God to speak to/to teach us?
   * Effervescently share what Jesus is teaching us?

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