

Sermon Outline

April 5 Luke 24:13-35
"They knew him in the breaking of the bread"

Happy Easter! The Lord is risen!

- ✠ The burdens of death and disappointments

- ✠ What a gift of grace!

- ✠ The balance of hope and despair

- ✠ The great Bible Study

- ✠ They knew him in the breaking of the bread

- ✠ New passion!

✠ Points to Ponder to Prepare

April 12 Matthew 20:29-34
"The Miracle of Sight"

We return this week to our study through Matthew's Gospel, picking up in Matthew 20:29.

Jesus is travelling down to Jerusalem on a busy road along with many thousands of pilgrims on their way to the Passover feast. This crowd is an important actor in the events that follow. The population of Jerusalem would triple during Passover. While the Romans and Pharisees had a tight grip on the usual inhabitants of the city. These pilgrims were an unpredictable wild card. Many of them had seen and heard Jesus in Galilee and the north.

As he and his disciples pass through Jericho, they interact with two blind men. Take a moment to read the passage. (To see the story from different angles, also read Mark 10:46-52 and Luke 18:35-43.)

- ✠ What cry do the blind men raise when they discover it is Jesus who is passing by?
- ✠ What is the significance of this title?
- ✠ What does it tell us about Jesus' reputation?

- ✠ Notice the question and answer in vv. 32-33. Why is this important? Do we have this clarity?

- ✠ Every miracle of Jesus tells us something about the Kingdom of Heaven. What do we learn from this miracle?

Scripture readings for the week

Sunday April 5	Leviticus 22-23
Monday April 6	Leviticus 24
Tuesday April 7	Leviticus 25
Wed April 8	Leviticus 26
Thursday April 9	Leviticus 27
Friday April 10	Numbers 1
Saturday April 11	Numbers 2-3
Sunday April 12	Numbers 3-4

Prayer Focus

¹⁷ "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit¹⁷ of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 1:17-20

Pray that God's resurrection power opens our eyes and raises us to new life today!