

THE AUTHORITY OF EASTER
LUKE 24:13-35
3-31-24

I. CONTEXT

- A. They were CONFUSED**
- B. They were SAD**
- C. They had lost HOPE**

II. THEIR BELIEF

A. They believed He was a prophet

- 1. But...Jesus IS GOD

Luke 9:18-20 – “Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, ‘Who do the crowds say that I am?’¹⁹ And they answered, ‘John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.’²⁰ Then he said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ And Peter answered, ‘The Christ of God.’”

John 10:30 – “I and the Father are one.”

- 2. Their wrong belief about Jesus leads to their discouragement

B. They believed He was a military ruler

- 1. They saw Him “redeeming” Israel from Rome
- 2. Jesus became a means to an end
- 3. Their wrong view of Jesus leads to their unbelief

III. JESUS’ TEACHING

- A. All of Scripture is about God**
- B. Their blindness allowed God to show the power of His Word**

Romans 10:17 – “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

IV. THEIR TRANSFORMATION

- A. God’s Word transformed them**
- B. They recognize Jesus’ authority over their lives – “LORD”**
- C. Jesus has authority because of who He is – God**
- D. Jesus has authority because of what He did – Died and rose again**

Romans 10:9 – “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you and encouraged your heart?
2. What are some wrong things people believe about Jesus today? Why do you think they arrive at these conclusions?
3. We know that Jesus is God...But can Christians still believe wrong things about Jesus? How do we combat wrong belief creeping into our lives?
4. Jesus makes the case that all of Scripture is pointing to Him. Do you have a favorite example from the Old Testament that is pointing to Jesus? How does that example cause your heart to “burn”?
5. In Luke 24:32, what caused these men’s hearts to “burn”? What does this teach us about the importance of the Scriptures?
6. The men declared that Jesus was “Lord”, the authority of their life. How do we declare that Jesus is the authority of our lives today? In our community, workplaces, to our children, or even to the next generation?
7. In our world we struggle with authority...why is it important that Jesus has authority in our lives? How does this impact our decision making?
8. Why does the resurrection give us hope today?