

**Burning Hearts**  
**Luke 24.13-35**  
**Series: Holy Week**  
**April 4, 2021**  
**Resurrection Day**

- I. Undercover Boss
  - A. CBS Series
    - 1. High level CEO of company or organization
      - a. Sometimes even mayors of cities
    - 2. Changes appearance
    - 3. Becomes a trainee in his own company
  - B. Works with employees in various departments
    - 1. In order to find out what was really going on
  - C. Issues
    - 1. Workplace challenges to employees
    - 2. Level of commitment employees have to organization
    - 3. Identifying employees' special gifts and ideas
    - 4. Discovering personal and family challenges
  - D. Resolutions
    - 1. Major reveal
    - 2. CEO schedules meetings with those worked with at corporate headquarters
    - 3. Reveals identity
    - 4. Workers are stunned
    - 5. Usually, the workers shown are worthy of special benefits
    - 6. CEO provides growth opportunities, schooling, cash for family, whatever
  - E. Criticism
    - 1. Reality TV – not usually all that real
    - 2. How often is a trainee followed around by a camera crew?
      - a. Don't these employee know something's fishy?
  - F. Brainchild of Stephen Lambert
    - 1. Emmy award winning English TV producer
  - G. Little did Stephen Lambert know, there was an earlier episode of Undercover Boss produced 2,000 years before he had the idea
  - H. If ever there was a real episode of Undercover Boss it was the account we have in Luke 24
    - 1. It took place on the day of the resurrection of Jesus
- II. **Setting**
  - A. Luke has recorded
    - 1. Empty tomb discovered by some women
    - 2. Report of the angels that Jesus has risen from the dead
    - 3. Visit of Peter (and from other gospels, John) to the tomb to investigate
  - B. But Jesus has not yet risen
  - C. **Luke 24:13-14** (NASB95) — 13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14

And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.

1. Imagine the confusion
  2. These were disciples of Jesus
    - a. Larger group of disciples associated with the 12 (11)
  3. They'd been in Jerusalem for several days
  4. Jesus, on whom they had placed such high hopes, was crucified
- D. **Luke 24:15–16** (NASB95) — 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them. 16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.
1. This is Undercover Boss on steroids
    - a. The boss – Jesus – shows up without introduction
    - b. Not recognized
    - c. There are some differences with his former appearance – resurrection body
    - d. But what's different from the TV series is that Jesus doesn't really have to have any special disguise
    - e. Because a supernatural veil prevents these “employees” from recognizing Him
    - f. “Their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him”

### III. **The Inquiry**

- A. Here's where the Boss begins to assert Himself into their conversation
- B. **Luke 24:17** (NASB95) — 17 And He said to them, “What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad.
- C. Don't you just love how Jesus plays with these guys?
  1. In Undercover Boss, the boss usually doesn't really know much about what's going on
    - a. During the show he or she finds out things they didn't know
- D. Here you get the impression that Jesus – the Boss of the universe – already knows everything
  1. But He throws out the question – “Hey, what are you guys talking about?”
- E. **Luke 24:18** (NASB95) — 18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?”
  1. “What? Are you clueless? Have you been hiding under a rock somewhere during the last week”
  2. “It's what everyone's been talking about; it's the only thing everyone's been talking about?”
  3. “What's the matter with you?”
- F. Jesus plays along
  1. **Luke 24:19** (NASB95) — 19 And He said to them, “What things?” ...
  2. These guys couldn't see the mischievous smirk under his cloak or the twinkle in His eye
    - a. But surely you can!

IV. **What do they know?**

A. **The person of Jesus**

1. **Luke 24:19** (NASB95) — 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...
  - a. Numerous occasions people identified Jesus as a prophet
  - b. Miracles attested to His authenticity as a man of God
  - c. They were not hidden from anyone – seems like everybody was aware of this remarkable personality named Jesus

B. **The conflict and crucifixion**

1. **Luke 24:20** (NASB95) — 20 ... and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.
2. These people were perfectly aware of who was responsible
  - a. Certainly the Romans under Pilate crucified Him and were culpable
  - b. But they knew that the initiative came from the Jewish leaders
3. Conversation with Pilate: **John 19:11** (NASB95) — 11 Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”
4. Romans were responsible; Jewish leaders more so; these guys understood that

C. **Their hopes and aspirations**

1. **Luke 24:21** (NASB95) — 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.”
2. Almost certainly, these guys don’t yet understand the true nature of the redemption that Jesus brings
  - a. They most likely had placed their hopes and aspirations in Jesus to deliver them from Roman oppression
  - b. At the same time delivering them from the moral degradation of Jewish society

D. **The amazing news**

1. **Luke 24:22–23** (NASB95) — 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.”
2. So these two, not of the 11, were close enough to the entourage to have learned already about these women, their encounter with the angels, the story of the empty tomb
3. We think the grapevine at SP is fast and efficient
  - a. So, evidently, was the apostolic grapevine!

E. **The confusion**

1. **Luke 24:24** (NASB95) — 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.”
2. So some of the 11 had gone to check out the story

- a. And they found it just as the women had described
- 3. But where was Jesus?
  - a. If He was risen, where was He?
  - b. Why hadn't He shown up anywhere?

V. **The Bible Study**

- A. This would be the mother of all Bible Studies
- B. Begins with a rebuke!
  - 1. Probably not the way we in ministry were trained to begin a Bible study
- C. **Luke 24:25** (NASB95) — 25 And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
  - 1. I don't think I've ever started a Bible study that way
    - a. “Ok, you guys, you need to have this Bible study because you're a bunch of foolish people”
    - b. “And not only that, you're slow and unbelieving!”
  - 2. But remember, this is no ordinary Bible study leader or pastor
    - a. This is The Undercover Boss!
    - b. He wrote the textbook for this course
    - c. In fact, He created everything, and then he wrote the textbook about it all!
- D. **Luke 24:26** (NASB95) — 26 “Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?”
  - 1. “Here's why you people are so dull”
    - a. “If you'd read my textbook you would understand what had to be true about the Messiah, the Christ”
    - b. “It was necessary that He would have suffer the very things that you have described – and then He would enter into glory”
- E. You see, the problem with the Jews of the day is how they read their Bibles
  - 1. They read selectively
    - a. They read only what they thought would get them excited
  - 2. Their idea of Messiah was all about glory; nothing about suffering
    - a. Anything the Bible said about the Messiah's glory – they were good with that
    - b. But they completely ignored any element of His suffering
- F. But religious Jews really had no excuse
  - 1. They had the OT
    - a. **Genesis 3:15** (NASB95) — 15 “And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”
    - b. Curse on the serpent – destruction of the serpent; but the suffering of the redeemer as well
    - c. **Isaiah 53** – all about the suffering servant, pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities
    - d. **Psalms 118:22** (NASB95) — 22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.
  - 2. They had three years with Jesus Himself, interpreting the OT

- a. Interprets Genesis 3.15
  - b. **John 12:31–32** (NASB95) — 31 “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”
  - c. **John 3:14** (NASB95) — 14 “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up...”
  - d. **John 8:28** (NASB95) — 28 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He...”
  - e. Interprets Psalm 118
  - f. **Matthew 21:42** (NASB95) — 42 Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’?”
  - g. Interprets Isaiah 53
  - h. **Luke 22:37** (NASB95) — 37 “For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, ‘AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS’; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment.”
3. So these two on the Road to Emmaus really were foolish, dull, slow to believe!
- G. **Luke 24:27** (NASB95) — 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.
1. Now that’s a Bible study!
    - a. Just imagine all the scriptures He would have included in this OT survey course!
  2. Already mentioned **Genesis 3.15**
  3. **Genesis 14:18–20** (NASB95) — 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. 19 He blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” He gave him a tenth of all.
  4. **Genesis 22:18** (NASB95) — 18 “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”
  5. **Genesis 49:10** (NASB95) — 10 “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”
  6. **Exodus 12:13** (NASB95) — 13 ‘The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.’
  7. **Numbers 24:17** (NASB95) — 17 “... A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel...”
  8. **Deuteronomy 18:15** (NASB95) — 15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.”

9. **Joshua 5:13–15** (NASB95) — 13 Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?” 14 He said, “No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant?” 15 The captain of the LORD’S host said to Joshua, “Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” ...
10. **2 Samuel 7:12–13** (NASB95) — 12 “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”
11. **Psalms 22:1** (NASB95) — 1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? ...
12. **Psalms 22:18** (NASB95) — 18 They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.
13. **Psalms 69:21** (NASB95) — 21 They also gave me gall for my food And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
14. **Psalms 110:1** (NASB95) — 1 The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”
15. **Isaiah 2:4** (NASB95) — 4 And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.
16. **Isaiah 7:14** (NASB95) — 14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.
17. **Isaiah 9:2** (NASB95) — 2 The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.
18. **Isaiah 9:6–7** (NASB95) — 6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.
19. **Isaiah 42:1** (NASB95) — 1 “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.”
20. **Isaiah 49:6** (NASB95) — 6 He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

21. **Isaiah 53**
  - a. Imagine Jesus unpacking Isaiah 53!
  - b. James Durham – 72 sermons on Isaiah 53
  - c. Jesus did it in a couple hours!
22. **Jeremiah 23:5** (NASB95) — 5 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land.”
23. **Micah 5:2** (NASB95) — 2 “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”
24. **Zechariah 6:12** (NASB95) — 12 “Then say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD.”’
25. **Malachi 3:1** (NASB95) — 1 “Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.

H. What a Bible study!

1. **Luke 24:27** (NASB95) — 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

VI. **The Hospitality**

- A. Least they could do was provide some sustenance for this amazing Bible study leader
- B. **Luke 24:28–29** (NASB95) — 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.
  1. This is good
  2. They’ve gotten spiritual food like never before
    - a. They realize they should at least reciprocate with a little R&R

VII. **The Big Reveal**

- A. Undercover Boss finally shows who He is
- B. **Luke 24:30–31** (NASB95) — 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.
- C. Again – it wasn’t so much that the Boss had on a disguise
  1. But that the eyes of these disciples had been prevented from seeing Him
  2. But now the veil was lifted
    - a. Their eyes were opened!
- D. They had provided the bread
  1. But Jesus had given it to them
    - a. They’d seen this movie before
    - b. He’d broken bread to feed the 5,000

- c. He'd broken bread to feed the 4,000
    - 2. And they may have known how Jesus had broken bread for the 12 at the Last Supper
  - E. And now, when He broke the bread for them – the scales came off
    - 1. The spiritually blind now see!
  - F. And immediately, Jesus disappeared
    - 1. Vanished from their midst
    - 2. Didn't even say good-bye
  - G. Evidencing that He really is God-incarnate
    - 1. Only God can do that
- VIII. **Burning Hearts**
  - A. Then what do they do?
  - B. **Luke 24:32** (NASB95) — 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?”
    - 1. Have your hearts burned like that?
      - a. Have you had such an experience with the Savior that something inside you was just about ready to explode?
    - 2. What do you do with a burning heart?
  - C. **Luke 24:33** (NASB95) — 33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them...
    - 1. It's like 9 pm – Jerusalem is 7 miles away; they're on foot
      - a. Couple hours of walking
    - 2. But they do it anyway
      - a. They can't sit on an encounter like that
      - b. They've got to tell someone
  - D. So they get there...
    - 1. **Luke 24:33–34** (NASB95) — 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.”
    - 2. “Peter's seen Him! Jesus is alive!”
      - a. “What do you think about that?”
  - E. **Luke 24:35** (NASB95) — 35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.
    - 1. “Yep, we've seen Him too”
    - 2. “Spent several hours with Him”
      - a. “Took a seminary course from Him”
    - 3. “But it was when He broke the bread that we finally recognized Him”
  - F. What a night?
    - 1. What a day!
- IX. Do your hearts burn with the Risen Lord?
  - A. What will you do with a burning heart?
    - 1. Will you not tell somebody?



- B. He is risen!
  - 1. He is risen, indeed!