

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#106 – “He Opened Their Minds” – Luke 24:44-47

I. Introduction

A. Preparing sermons

1. Awesome responsibility
2. On more than one occasion, I would like to have had Jesus explain a passage of Scripture.
 - a. Divorce and remarriage – Matthew 19:9
3. Today’s text brings these thoughts to mind.

B. The text: Luke 24:44-48

1. Note Acts 1:3

II. Exposition

A. Luke 24:44

1. An old professor’s admonishment on preaching.
2. Jesus preaching – the Law, Prophets, Psalms
 - a. “Spoke to you” – Already covered in the past.
3. Law of Moses, Prophets, Psalms – common description of the Old Testament.
4. Entire Bible is about Jesus
 - a. Some examples

B. Luke 24:45-46

1. One of Pastor Don’s favorite Bible passages.
2. The Scriptures were not understood in the past.
 - a. Luke 9:44; 18:34

3. Jesus opened their minds.

C. Luke 24:47

1. Jesus is ending his ministry the same way He began – with the call for repentance – Matthew 4:17
2. Notice the emphasis upon repentance.
 - a. Luke 1:77; 3:3; 5:20; 7:48; 11:4; 23:34a
3. The disciples did the same.
 - a. Acts 2:38; 5:30-31; 10:43; 13:38
4. Forgiveness only takes place after an acknowledgment of transgression.
5. “Proclaimed in His name to all the nations.”
 - a. The missionary call
 - b. This was always the plan.
 1. Gen. 12:2-3; Gal. 3:16, 19
 2. Isaiah 49:6; Psalm 22:27

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The opening of the mind is indispensable to understanding the gospel.
 1. Luke 24:45; I Cor. 2:14; Rom. 3:10-18; Titus 3:5; John 3:19; I Peter 1:3
- B. Repentance is a necessary aspect of Salvation that must be preached when the gospel is heralded.
 1. Matt. 4:17; Luke 24:47
- C. Forgiveness of sins was proclaimed and should continue to be proclaimed.
 1. Luke 1:77; 3:3; 5:20; 11:4