

“A Walk To Remember!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. **Isaac Asimov** tells the story of a rough ocean crossing during which a **Mr. Jones** became terribly **seasick**. At an especially rough time, a **kindly steward** patted Jones on the shoulder and said, "I know, sir, that it seems awful. But remember, no man ever died of sea-sickness." **Mr. Jones** lifted his **green countenance** to the steward's concerned face and replied, "Man, don't say that! It's only the wonderful hope of dying that keeps me alive."
- 1.2. Newsweek, Feb. 7, 1983, p. 13. A California woman wrote, "No matter how bad the pain is, it's never so bad that suicide is the only answer. **Suicide doesn't end pain. It only lays it on the broken shoulders of the survivors.**" And she ends her story. "By the way: to all the doctors, nurses and psychiatrists who forced me to live when I didn't want to - thank you for keeping breath in my lungs and my heart beating **and encouraging hope in me when I didn't have any hope!**"
- 1.3. **Q:** Ever have the bottom drop out of your life? Your hopes & dreams dashed? Thoughts like, "Where's Jesus when you need Him?"
 - 1.3.1. We meet 2 individuals this morning that felt the same.
- 1.4. "Other men see only a **hopeless end**, but the Christian rejoices in an **endless hope**"
- 1.5. **Explain 2 Part series:** (communion next week)
 - 1.5.1. Here we have a beautiful story that so mirrors many among us, who have passed through the **gloom of doubt**, to the **clear shining of faith!**
 - 1.5.2. We meet up with them taking **leaden steps** away from One who was the pure embodiment of **Faith, Hope, & Love!**
- 1.6. **Title: A Walk To Remember!** – [No, not the movie with Shane West & Mandy Moore]
 - 1.6.1. **Jesus Journeying With Them!** - **Jesus Sympathizing With Them!** - **Jesus Expounding the Scriptures To Them!**

2. **A WALK TO REMEMBER! (13-27)**

- 2.1. Here we have what the disciples **thought & felt** & even gives **how they looked**, just before they understood the resurrection!
- 2.2. These guys could have walked & talked for days & never gotten rid of their disappointment.
 - 2.2.1. They lacked **the key** that unlocks the OT.
 - 2.2.1.1. Messiah must **suffer & die** before entering his glory.
- 2.3. **So who was the other disciple?** It very much could have been his wife! John in 19:25 tells us, "**Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene**". [we're not sure]

- 2.4. **JESUS JOURNEYING WITH THEM!** (15,16)
- 2.5. (15) We note...that Jesus **drew near** when they were **conversing about Him**.
- 2.5.1. Might we experience His nearness when we also converse w/others about Him?
- 2.6. (16) **Eyes were restrained** –
- 2.6.1. See **Mrk 16:12,13** – “**another form**” This could mean that He took on a form different from that in which He appeared to Mary Magdalene (9-11) **or**, more likely, that He appeared to them in a form different from that in which they had previously recognized Him as **Jesus**.
- 2.7. **Jesus’ resurrection body remains a mystery:**¹
- 2.7.1. He **appeared** to the disciples from time to time, usually suddenly.
- 2.7.2. He had a body that could be **seen & touched**.
- 2.7.3. The disciples recognized Jesus’ body as **His body**.
- 2.7.4. The resurrection means more than that His spirit **survived death!**
- 2.7.5. **It points to 2 great truths of Christianity:**
- 2.7.5.1. [1] The tomb was **empty**.
- 2.7.5.2. [2] People **saw** Jesus alive in **bodily form**.
- 2.8. **Why leave today?**
- 2.8.1. You heard he would rise the 3rd day, couldn’t you wait one more day?
- 2.8.2. You heard the women report the body missing.
- 2.8.3. You heard that angels appeared & said he was alive!
- 2.8.4. **Yet**, they walk off into the country, into the sunset, perplexed.
- 2.8.4.1. **Such is our impatience!**
- 2.8.5. At least their minds still cleave to Him still. They can’t talk about anything else!
- 2.9. **Why does the Lord join them?**
- 2.9.1. For, “**He does not despise the day of small things.**” (Zech.4:10)
- 2.9.2. For, “**He will not cast off those who have little strength**” (Ps 71:9)
- 2.9.3. For, “**a bruised reed he will not break, & the smoking flax He will not quench.**” (Is.42:3)
- 2.10. **Where does He meet them?**
- 2.10.1. **Let it be wherever!** In the temple; your house; in the field; on the road
- 2.10.2. **For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.** Mt.18:20
- 2.11. **They did not know Him** –
- 2.11.1. **It is often the same with us!**
- 2.11.2. **Haven’t you ever come to His table & not met Him there?**
- 2.11.3. Maybe you’re in **deep trouble** & He says, “**it is I don’t be afraid,**” **yet** you cannot detect him.

¹ Shepherd’s Notes; pg.94

- 2.11.4. How often have you opened his **precious book** yet never had a glimpse of Him?
- 2.11.5. Why did **they** not see Him? – Unbelief!
Why might **we** miss Him then? – Unbelief!
- 2.11.6. Make it your prayer, *“Open mine eyes Lord, I want to see Jesus!”*
- 2.12. **Q:** What if we found out that Jesus did this all the time...still? hmmm
- 2.12.1. What if it was someone that was a little sharp? (like Jesus was in 25,26)
- 2.13. **JESUS SYMPATHIZING WITH THEM!** (17-24)
- 2.14. (17) What a tender & beautiful playfulness in the way he dealt with these men.
- 2.15. **Conversation** - means to “throw in turn, back and forth like a ball, from one to another, a beautiful picture of conversation as a game of words.” [LKGNT]
- 2.16. **Walk** – ESV & NIV capture the orig best, *“What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”* And they **stood still**, looking **sad**.”
- 2.17. (18) Everyone in Jerusalem was talking about Jesus!
- 2.17.1. Jesus must have been blessed to come upon them & here that all of there thoughts were regarding Him.
- 2.18. (19) **What things?** – I’ve done that as a Pastor in regards to our church, or regarding the pastor there. (always told them after) :-O
- 2.18.1. He was drawing them out, & it worked.
- 2.19. They still **believed** in Him. They still **loved** Him. Even though defeated, they still were saying *“He was mighty in word & deed before God”*.
- 2.19.1. It had only slain their **Hope!** So they limped on to Emmaus.
- 2.20. (21) 1st half of verse w/a **smile** of hope; 2nd half w/**frown** of despair.
- 2.21. **Doubt!**
- 2.22. There is a difference between doubt & unbelief:
- 2.22.1. **Doubt** is a state of **suspense** in which the mind is not made up either to **believe** or **reject**.
- 2.22.2. **Unbelief** is a definite attitude of **refusal**.
- 2.22.3. The walls of Jericho fell **flat**, at Israel’s mighty **shout**;
But no one ever shouts like **that**, while paralyzed by **doubt**.
Lord, turn our doubt & leaden **tread**, to leaping, joyous faith **instead!**²
- 2.23. **Hopeless!**
- 2.24. There are no hopeless **situations**; there are only **people** who have grown hopeless about them.

² Awake My Heart; J. Sidlow Baxter pg.140

- 2.25. **JESUS EXPOUNDING THE SCRIPTURES TO THEM!** (25-27)
- 2.26. Now Jesus began to talk to them.
- 2.26.1. His 1st word was that of **rebuke**, like the angels to the women. (5)
- 2.27. (25) **O Foolish ones** - Literally without sense, not understanding.
Slow of heart – Old word for one dull, slow to comprehend or to act.
- 2.27.1. I guess Jesus didn't read Dale Carnegie's, "*How to win friends & Influence People.*"
- 2.27.2. They are rebuked in both **intellect & heart**.
- 2.27.3. Jesus leads them to **faith** 1st before **sight** (31).
- 2.28. (26) **Ought not** – Was it not necessary? The very things about **the death** of Jesus that disturbed them so, were the **strongest proof** that he was the Messiah of the Old Testament!³
- 2.28.1. Many people in Jesus' day were **diligent students** of the bible, but **most missed the central message**.
- 2.28.2. They focused on the "*Messiah is a **Glorious King***" passages, & **overlooked** the "*Messiah needs to **suffer** to save mankind*" passages!
- 2.29. He proceeds to show them how this **theme** runs through the whole OT.
- 2.29.1. He showed them that the **suffering** of the cross is the way of **triumph!**⁴
- 2.30. (27) **What does Jesus' use of the OT here & in verses 44-47 teach us of its importance & reliability, & the way we should use it?**⁵
- 2.30.1. **Importance** - it **all** points to Him (silver thread throughout).
- 2.30.2. **Reliability** - We can obviously **trust** the OT (all parts) if Jesus is using it.
- 2.30.3. **The way we should use it** – to remove the OT's **lens cover**, so as to **uncover & discover...Jesus!**
- 2.30.3.1. **Jesus** found **Himself** in the Old Testament, a thing that some modern scholars don't seem able to do!
- 2.30.4. "**In the OT the New is **enfolded**; in the NT the Old is **unfolded!****"⁶
- 2.30.5. Shame on the Christians who say, "*I don't like reading the OT*". Isn't it like saying, "*I don't like **digging** to find the **treasures** regarding **Jesus** in the OT stories*"?
- 2.30.5.1. I admit, it is **easier *picking up pearls*** in the NT, then it is ***mining for diamonds*** in the old.
- 2.31. **Illustration:** It is told that the great preacher **D.L. Moody** said, "I prayed for faith and thought that some day it would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith didn't seem to come. **One day** I read in Romans that "*faith comes by hearing*

³ Word Pictures in the NT;

⁴ Shepherd's Notes; pg.94

⁵ Treasury of Scripture Knowledge; Stibbs; pg34.

⁶ Griffith Thomas; pg.384

and hearing by the word of God.” I had up to this time, **closed** my Bible and prayed for faith. Now I **opened** my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since!”

- 2.32. **Expounded** – or, explained.
- 2.32.1. Here the **diamond** cut the diamond!
- 2.32.2. The **Master** of the house unlocked the doors & invited His guests to his **table**.
- 2.32.3. He who hid the **treasure** in the field Himself guided the searchers to it.
- 2.32.4. After dinner comes **dessert!** And there is none sweeter than His own person & work.
- 2.32.5. Oh to have Jesus as both our **teacher & our lesson!**
- 2.33. ☺ So Jesus *breathed into their ears* **the secret of love** which lay at the heart of the **ancient Law**. They listened as He traced each Messianic note in the music of all the **prophets**.
- 2.34. I'm the Seed of the women in Gen.; I'm the Passover Lamb of Ex.;
 I'm the Anointed High Priest of Lev; I'm the Brazen Serpent of Num;
 I'm the Great Rock of Deut; I'm the Captain of the Lord's Hosts of Josh;
 I'm the Messenger of the Lord of Jdg; I'm the Kinsmen Redeemer of Ruth;
 I'm the Great Judge in 1 Sam; I'm the Seed of David of 2 Sam;
 I'm the Lord God of Israel of 1 Kgs; I'm the God of the Cherubim of 2 Kgs;
 I'm the God of our salvation in 1 Chr; I'm the God of our fathers of 2 Chr;
 I'm the Lord of Heaven & Earth of Ezra; I'm the Covnt-keeping God of Neh;
 I'm the God of Providence in Esther.; I'm the Returning Redeemer of Job.;
 I'm the Good shepherd of the Ps; I'm the Wisdom of God in the Prvb;
 I'm the One above the Sun of Ecc; I'm the Altogether Lovely of SoS;
 I'm the Virgin-born Immanuel of Is; I'm the Branch of Righteousness of Jer;
 I'm the Compassionate One of Lam; I'm *the Lord Is There* of Ezek;
 I'm the Stone Cut w/o Hands of Dan I'm the King of the Res in Hos;
 I'm the God of the Battle of Joel; I'm the Plumblin of Amos;
 I'm the Destroyer of the Proud of Obad; I'm the Risen Prophet of Jonah;
 I'm the Bethlehem-Born of Micah; I'm the Bringer of Good Tidings of Nah;
 I'm The Anointed of Hab; I'm the King of Israel of Zeph;
 I'm the Desire of All Nations of Hag; I'm the Branch of Zech;
 I'm The Sun of Righteousness of Malachi.⁷
- 2.34.1. What a Post-Resurrection *Bible Study* that must have been!!!
- 2.35. I thought it was interesting, “*expounded*” is the word the Greeks used of *interpreting a foreign language*.
- 2.36. Do you **allow** the Holy Spirit to help you interpret the Scriptures?

⁷ Adapted from Willmington's Book of Bible Lists.

- 2.36.1. Jn.16:13-15 “But when he, **the Spirit of truth**, comes, he will **guide you into all truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, **and** he will tell you **what is yet to come**. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said **the Spirit** will take from what is mine and **make it known to you.**” 😊
- 2.36.2. 1 Cor.2:9,10 “*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*”
But God **has** revealed *them to us* through **His Spirit.**”
- 2.37. Do you **have** the Holy Spirit to help you interpret the Scriptures?
- 2.38. **Did you know that...**
Jesus is always **Journeying** with us;
Jesus is always **Sympathizing** with us;
Jesus is always **Expounding** the Scriptures to us; [& we'll see next week]
Jesus is always **Revealing** Himself to us.
- 2.39. **End:** He delights to make our days a *sunlit Emmaus walk!*
- 2.39.1. Enjoy that walk with Him today!
- 2.39.2. “Other men see only a **hopeless end**, but the Christian rejoices in an **endless hope**”