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| **SERIES** | Sermon Series Title  Finding Jesus… Jesus in the OT |
| **BIBLE** | Scripture Section  Luke 24: 13-35 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | Sermon Title/Topic  **Seeing the Risen Jesus** |
| **OVERVIEW** | Although being a disciple of Jesus requires faith, faith is not blind. In his grace and mercy, God has given the world many streams of evidence through which they can see Him and believe – Creation, the Word of God, and the greatest testimony -> the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come learn how 2 early disciples came to see the risen Jesus and become joyful witnesses. Come celebrate that you can see, worship, and follow him too. |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | Exegetical:  **Until God allows disciples to see the risen Jesus, He is just an amazing story and an unfulfilled hope. 13-24**  These were true followers of Jesus, believing He was God’s prophet, the Messiah, but they lost hope and doubted a resurrection.  The whole promise of scripture and salvation depends on the resurrection of Jesus.  **The risen Jesus wants disciples to have wisdom and faith to see him in the OT - that his suffering comes before glory. 25-27**  These followers were familiar with the OT, but they needed God’s help to see Jesus as the fulfillment of all the Messianic prophesies. Power, preaching, suffering and triumph would all come in one person – Jesus!  **The risen Jesus reveals Himself in a context of table fellowship and thanksgiving. 28-32**  Consistent with his ministry of loving people well, entering into the normal day to day, Jesus reveals himself in a humble and “everyday” way.  **Seeing the risen Jesus compels disciples to spread the message “It is true – the Lord has risen!” 33-35**  Though they had just arrived from Jerusalem, these men immediately returned to tell the disciples that they too had seen Jesus. Hope is alive because Jesus is alive! |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?  God’s Word is true and hope is alive because Jesus has risen from the dead! |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple  Begin – Today can be the day you see Jesus. Repent, believe, and surrender.  Grow – Grow in wisdom and faith to see Jesus in the OT  Disciple – Live as bold and loving witnesses of the risen Jesus and speak the good news that He is alive. |