**Hope**

**Luke 24:13-35**

**April 21, 2019**

1. **Dead Hope VS 13-24**

Two men gloomily drifted away from discipleship because their wishful Messianic hope that had died with Jesus’ crucifixion blinded them to Jesus’ reported and fulfilled prophesied resurrection.

*People still drift away from following Jesus when their wishful hope in Jesus dies and then blinds them against hope in the real Jesus, the resurrected Messiah.*

1. **Revived Hope VS 25-27**

Jesus pursued his foolishly drifting disciples to rightly interpret Scriptures for them, to remedy their slowness to understand his crucifixion and resurrection’s necessity, to revive their hope in him.

*Christ’s love compels us to pursue those foolishly drifting away from discipleship, to revive their hope in the true Jesus, by sharing rightly interpreted Scripture concerning Jesus with them.*

1. **Wholehearted Hope VS 28-35**

Scripturally kindled hope enabled drifting disciples to recognize Jesus as he broke the bread and having seen him, immediately returned to discipleship, testifying alongside Peter that their Lord had risen.

*When Scriptural wholehearted hope in the crucified and resurrected Lord Jesus is kindled, people become disciples who never drift away, disciples who testify about their risen Lord to others.*

**Summary**: Certain hope in the crucified and resurrected Lord Jesus who fulfilled, is fulfilling, and will fulfill God’s Scriptural saving purposes for us will keep us following him all our days.

**Questions**

1. What are some Scriptures that Jesus may have used to rekindle a true hope in him as the Redeemer of Israel who had to first suffer before entering his glory?
2. What are some wishful or false hopes that people put in Jesus that will eventually disappoint, let them down, and tempt them to drift away from following Jesus?

What Scriptural truths could you bring to their attention to replace those wishful hopes with the certain hope in Jesus that would keep them following him?

1. Name all your present hopes.

From what you know of God’s promises and truths from Scriptures categorize each hope under the following headings.

**Wishful** **Possible Probable** **Certain**

1. When life seems hopeless and you feel like giving up what are the Scriptural truths or promises that you turn to in order to not drift away from following Jesus?