



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

"Divine Openings"

Pastor David Cannistraci ♦ March 23, 2008

Luke Chapter 24 - 1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women... found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

13 Now that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus...talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they...discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast..."About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers...crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus...went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

► If we \_\_\_\_\_ our divine openings, our lives will be \_\_\_\_\_.

THREE DIVINE \_\_\_\_\_

1. The Opened \_\_\_\_\_

Divine Openings (Cont'd)

"Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles." 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 (NLT)

2. The Opened \_\_\_\_\_

"Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ..." 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints..." Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

3. The Opened \_\_\_\_\_

"The opening up of Your Word gives light. It gives understanding to the child-like." Psalm 119:130 (NLT)

FATHER GOD, I give you the problems I'm facing. I surrender my all to you. Open my eyes and lead me by your Word. In Christ's name, AMEN

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Share a time when your eyes were opened spiritually.

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

Discussion Focus: What are some divine openings God has for us?

Prayer Focus: Pray for each one to recognize Jesus in their walk.

☑ REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)

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