

Sermon Discussion (4/12/2026)

It Could Be You #7

The resurrected Jesus must convince the disbelieving disciples that He has risen from the dead. He must open their eyes. The first problem they have is that they believe dead people stay dead. They believe that the Messiah is supposed to deliver Israel from the Romans. They are blinded to the resurrection because of what they already believe. What is familiar to them is what is authoritative.

Title: Open Eyes

The Main Question: How does Jesus open our eyes?

Points to Consider

1. To open our eyes Jesus opens our mind.
2. To open our eyes God gives us the bible.
3. To open our eyes, we invite Jesus to stay with us.

Scripture References:

Luke 24:17–31 NIV

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ “What things?” he asked. “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 handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they 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. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the

tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!²⁶ Did not the Messiah 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 continued on as if he were going farther.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he 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.

Application Questions

- When did Jesus open your eyes?
- What did you see that you had never seen before?
- Read [Luke 24:17-31](#).
 - The men on the road are leaving Jerusalem because Jesus was killed and their hopes for a Messiah were over. What does Jesus want from the two men?
 - What does He do that opens their eyes?
 - What opened your eyes?
 - Why was it hard for the men to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead?
 - What did they believe that kept them blind?
 - Do you allow what is familiar to blind you to what is true?
- Heaven is a place defined by “life.” Why is it impossible to know what is true about the Kingdom of God without knowing the Bible?
- What do you imagine the Kingdom of God is like? (See [Genesis 1-2](#) and [Revelation 21-22](#))
- What does the resurrection of Jesus tell you about what people will be like in Heaven?