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Union Baptist Church, Wilmington
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Sunrise Service

Series:

Sermon: The Mystery of the Morning - Messed Up in the Mystery of the Morning

Did you miss the Messiah? Are you missing Jesus?

- Luke 24:13-1 - (KJV) 13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. 17 And he said unto them, what manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

It's not just been a messed up morning to a messed up week. Went from waving palm branches and parade to persecution. You can go from being celebrated to being crucified and from fame to fatality. The transition from being honored to hated sets off a whole chain of events. This was death by crucifixion, easy to say but hard to ingest. They killed Him even after hearing that there was no fault found in Him. From Pilate to the robber, they saw He was no crook. When you get to the head, it is amazing what happens to the rest of the family. Trouble causes some folks to appear. In the midst of His death, two people appeared. Joseph to beg His body and Nicodemus appeared. Sometimes, trouble will show folks are closer to you than you thought. They came to gather Him and others came to prepare Him. They needed to take care of His body but careful not to break the Sabbatical law. They partly anointed His body with intentions to finish after the Sabbath passed. The two of them:

1. The ladies - they were going to finish what they started. They went in and did not find the body. The natural response was perplexed. V. 1

Where is the Messiah? The reasons we are guilty of missing the Messiah:

There are some of us that will spend all resurrection day messed up because we missed the Messiah. The problem is this - they missed Him but He was with them all day.

1. Why did they miss Him? Going to anoint a body. They were going where they saw Him on Friday. They were expecting to stay where they last saw Him out. We are to expect change to happen. Some of us may be the prisoner of our own mind.

2. What were they expecting? They were going to a dead victim, but He is not a dead victim but a Divine Victor. When your mind is fixed only to look for the remains, they heard Him but did not understand Him when He told them what would happen in 3 days. 1 - 3
3. Where did they go? - They went to a dead place for someone that was already reported to be living. They reported that He wasn't there. If you believe He ain't dead, why look where dead folks hang out. V. 10 - 12

They give a picture of the people of faith. The pace of their walk may have been hindered by their depression. He asked what were they talking about and why they are so sad. He says tell me your issues.

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God is not as far away as you think. Christ lives you in. He gives you power to do what you got to do. Saints on Resurrection Sunday ought not be sad because you know that He got up!!! What it looks like when a saint knows. When they discovered it was Jesus, they ran back. When you don't know, your steps are slow. When you know, you run.