

"Eyes to See" God Sightings Series Pastor Mark 4.9.23

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?' '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. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 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.'" Luke 24:13-21

Sometimes we find ourselves in a season of, "BUT WE HAD HOPED".

"In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." Luke 24:22-24

It's often hard to see God in the present, but when we look back in life's <u>REARVIEW MIRROR</u> it's so much easier to see Him!

"So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 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?" Luke 24:29-31

When we look back, we can start to see God in the <u>PAST</u> & then we begin to recognize Him in the <u>PRESENT</u>.

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers." 2 Corinthians 4:4

"He opened their minds to they could understand the Scriptures." Luke 24:45