

## A Slow, Unwilling Mind To Believe

Luke 24:13-35

- 1) Our dark days are exacerbated by Scriptural ignorance
  - a) When we fail to read Scripture we live in ignorance
  - b) Some read Scripture but miss the meaning
  - c) All Scripture points to Jesus as the Christ
  - d) In the midst of our darkness, Jesus walks with us
  - e) When we believe, we see; blindness results from unbelief
- 2) Believe Christ's words and be saved
  - a) Open your eyes: investigate the compelling evidence
  - b) Open your mind: draw the logical conclusion that Jesus is God
  - c) Open your heart: receive God's saving grace
    - i) Partial knowledge hinders; the whole truth frees us
    - ii) You can't believe what you don't know
    - iii) Only fools choose to ignore God's word
    - iv) As we hear the Scriptures, we hear Jesus
  - d) Open your mouth: preach the truth you've received
- 3) Applications
  - a) Jesus pursues His own, walking with them
  - b) Some refuse Jesus, insisting on being lost
  - c) Believing God's word set us free
  - d) What grief we would avoid by believing Scripture
  - e) Though unseen, Christ is always present...
    - i) In the reading of Scripture
    - ii) At the breaking of bread

