

“Worship MESSIAH”  
Luke 24:13-35

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**THE BIG IDEA: “Public Worship & Changed Lives”**

*“Oh yes, Lord, I am definitely your servant!” Psalm 116:16*

**INTRODUCTION     *“The Three Thousand”***

*We worship a God of “second chances.” No matter how many times we reject God’s love He will come again with His offer of mercy and forgiveness .... UNTIL we “see the light.”*

*God’s love is so hard to comprehend that we cannot believe it when we see it. So we destroy the one who came to save us. And yet we fail in that as well. And God’s response to our ignorance and depravity is to LOVE US ANYWAY!*

*What happened next? 3,000 believed, were baptized, and joined the community of faith. What is it going to take for you to reverence God and obediently serve in His kingdom on earth?*

I. **“Who Is This Jesus?”** (Luke 24:13-35)

*“Then [Jesus] interpreted for them the things written about him in all the scriptures.”*  
vs. 27

- Jesus journeyed with the disciples sharing in their conversation.
- He interpreted the scriptures written about Him.
- He shared a meal with them and they knew who He was.
- They returned and spoke with the other disciples.

## II. “What Shall We Do?” (Acts 2:14, 36-41)

*“Change your hearts and your minds.”* vs. 38

- **You must be baptized in the name of Jesus for forgiveness of sin.**
- **Receive the Holy Spirit and power.**
- **Be saved from this perverse generation.**

## III. “Who Shall We Become?” (1 Peter 1:17-23)

*“Set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers.”* vs. 22

- **Conduct ourselves with reverence while dwelling in a strange land.**
- **Like with the knowledge your freedom was bought with blood.**
- **Your faith and hope should rest in God.**
- **Set yourselves apart from the world as new born children of God.**

## CONCLUSION                      *“Sorrowful Love”*

*The psalmist promises to tell a story with God at the center. Yet at the center of the song is a statement about death: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones.” This text teaches us an important lesson of gratitude and mourning, of joy and sorrow.*

*God has rescued the psalmist. But not all are so fortunate. The lesson: When we rejoice, we ought to remember those who are in mourning. Otherwise our rejoicing feels thin, dependent on God favoring us over another. The psalmist sings of the pairing of “joyful love” with awareness of the value of “sorrowful love.”*

*In this way, our thanksgiving remains grounded in reality and hospitable to those who are not rejoicing with us.*