

EYES OPENED

LUKE 24:31 (WEB)

“Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, then he vanished out of their sight.”

**PRESENCE → WORD → REVELATION → RECOGNITION → COMMUNION →
TRANSFORMATION**

Main Text: Luke 24:13-35 | **Lord's Supper:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

1. JESUS CAN BE PRESENT WITHOUT BEING RECOGNIZED

LUKE 24:15-16 (WEB)

15 While they talked and questioned together, Jesus himself came near, and went with them.
16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

JESUS WAS WALKING WITH THEM, BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW WHO WAS WALKING BESIDE THEM.

- They were talking **about Jesus** while Jesus Himself was beside them.
- The issue was not His absence; it was their inability to recognize Him.
- **REVELATION TURNS PRESENCE INTO RECOGNITION.**

2. REVELATION MAKES JESUS PERSONAL

JOHN 20:14-16 (WEB)

14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, and didn't know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him, "Rabboni!" which is to say, "Teacher!"

MARY SAW JESUS, BUT RECOGNITION CAME WHEN JESUS CALLED HER BY NAME.

- She first thought Jesus was the gardener.
- One personal word from Jesus changed her perception.
- She moved from seeing a stranger to recognizing her Lord.

3. THE FATHER REVEALS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF JESUS

MATTHEW 16:15-17 (WEB)

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

FLESH AND BLOOD CAN GIVE INFORMATION; THE FATHER GIVES REVELATION.

- Peter had walked with Jesus, but revelation enabled him to understand **who Jesus truly is**.
- Others could call Jesus a prophet or teacher; Peter saw **the Christ**.
- **REVELATION TAKES US BEYOND PUBLIC OPINION INTO SPIRITUAL CONVICTION.**

4. SAUL NEEDED A REVELATION OF JESUS

ACTS 9:3-6 (WEB)

3 As he traveled, he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him.

4 He fell on the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

5 He said, “Who are you, Lord?” The Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It’s hard for you to kick against the goads.”

6 But rise up, and enter into the city, and you will be told what you must do.

SAUL KNEW RELIGION, BUT HE STILL NEEDED JESUS TO REVEAL HIMSELF.

- Saul knew Scripture and religious tradition.
- His encounter with Jesus changed the direction of his life.
- **TRUE REVELATION PRODUCES TRANSFORMATION, NOT MERELY INFORMATION.**

5. REVELATION LETS YOU SEE WHAT OTHERS DO NOT SEE

LUKE 2:25-32 (WEB)

25 Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.
26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
27 He came in the Spirit into the temple. When the parents brought in the child, Jesus, that they might do concerning him according to the custom of the law,
28 then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,
29 "Now you are releasing your servant, Master, according to your word, in peace;
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared before the face of all peoples;
32 a light for revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel."

OTHERS SAW A BABY; SIMEON SAW GOD'S SALVATION.

- The outward appearance was ordinary: a child being brought to the Temple.
- Revelation enabled Simeon to recognize God's promise.
- **SPIRITUAL SIGHT SEES GOD'S PURPOSE BENEATH ORDINARY APPEARANCES.**

6. JESUS OPENS THE SCRIPTURES AND OUR UNDERSTANDING

LUKE 24:27, 44-45 (WEB)

27 Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

44 He said to them, “This is what I told you, while I was still with you, that all things which are written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me must be fulfilled.”

45 Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures.

AN OPEN BIBLE IS PRECIOUS; WE ALSO NEED AN OPEN UNDERSTANDING.

- The disciples already possessed the Scriptures.
- Jesus helped them see how the Scriptures pointed to Him.
- **REVELATION BRINGS CHRIST INTO FOCUS AS WE READ GOD'S WORD.**

7. THE EYES OF THE HEART MUST BE ENLIGHTENED

EPHESIANS 1:17-18 (WEB)

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him;
18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

WE CAN KNOW CHRIST AND STILL NEED DEEPER REVELATION TO KNOW HIM BETTER.

- Paul was praying for people who were already believers.
- Knowing Christ is not merely a past experience; it is a growing relationship.
- **THERE IS ALWAYS MORE OF CHRIST TO KNOW.**

THE EMMAUS TURNING POINT

LUKE 24:30-32 (WEB)

30 When he had sat down at the table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave it to them.

31 Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, then he vanished out of their sight.

32 They said to one another, “Weren’t our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?”

THEIR EYES WERE OPENED IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.

- They had already walked with Jesus.
- They had already heard Jesus open the Scriptures.

THIS LEADS US TO THE LORD'S SUPPER: WE COME TO REMEMBER AND PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26 (WEB)

23 For I received from the Lord that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread.

24 When he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in memory of me."

25 In the same way he also took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink, in memory of me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

DO NOT SEE ONLY THE BREAD AND THE CUP — SEE THE CHRIST TO WHOM THEY POINT.

- **THE BREAD** points us to His body given for us.
- **THE CUP** points us to the new covenant through His blood.
- **THE TABLE** points us to the cross and forward to His return.

LORD'S SUPPER DECLARATION

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26 (WEB)

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

WE REMEMBER JESUS.

- We remember His body given for us.
- We remember His blood shed for us.
- We remember the cross.
- We celebrate His resurrection.
- We proclaim His death.
- We await His return.