

“Why Are You Troubled?”

Luke 24:1ff

Theme:

Our Lord’s victory over sin and death and ascension to the Father’s right hand is not some theological abstraction that does not have any real time emotional settling, but is intimate and soothing and comforting in a world of shadow. And right now He is saying to us, “Shhhh, it’s okay, it’s just a bird, I’ve got this.”

Introduction:

There is a theological depth to our passage [and rightly so] that we need to understand. We cannot sever our text from this anchor, but let us for a moment take all of this theological richness and put it into the emotional upheaval of those first disciples.

There are four scenes in this chapter.

The Outline:

- I. The 1st Scene – At the Tomb – His Resurrection (vv. 1-12 [He reminds them of what is true])
- II. The 2nd Scene – On the Road to Emmaus (vv. 13-32 [He reminds them of what is true])
- III. The 3rd Scene – In a room ([the upper room?] vv. 33-46 [He reminds them of what is true])
 - A. His Story / Their | Our Story
 - B. His Vision / Their | Our Vision (vv. 47, 48 [all the nations])
 - C. His Gift / Their | Our Gift (v. 49 [A departing gift])
- IV. The 4th and Finally Scene – On a hill [from the mount called Olivet / Acts 1:12] – His Ascension (vv. 50-53 [Let the Games Begin!])

Why do we need not fear?

- First, He has conquered sin and death.
- Second, He has compassion for His people. He actually cares.
- Finally, He has given us the Holy Spirit.