**R1002 Rumination for Apr. 7, 2024**

The **T**heme:**OFools!** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext:  ***O*** *fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*

 ***O****ught not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?*Lk. 24:2

The **T**hots:

Intro. The Day **C**ommemorating **C**hrist’s Resurrection this year **F**ell on 31st March, 2024

 The Day **C**elebrating **F**ools **F**ollowed the day after – April **F**ools’ Day (April 1st).

1. **Consider the Two Fools on the Road to Emmaus.** Luke 24:25

*Then He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*

1. They were **D**eparting for Emmaus after witnessing the Crucifixion of Jesus. 24:14

*Behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus*

1. They were **D**isappointed that their Master had been crucified and buried. 24:19, 20

*Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and have crucified Him*

1. They were **D**isillusioned and **D**id not sense the Presence of their Master when He appeared, 24:16, 21

*Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him.*

1. They **D**isbelieved the Women who told them they had seen angels who told them their Master was alive.

*Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not His body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that He was alive.* 24:22-23

1. Jesus’ **D**isapproval of them – they were Fools [or Foolish] not to believe. 24:25-27
2. They were Fools not to Believethe **P**rophets *–*

*“****O******fools****, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:* 24:25

***O****ught not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?"* 24:26

1. They were Fools not to Believe the **P**atriarch, Moses, the **P**rophets and the **P**salmists *–* 24:44

*These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you,* *that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the* ***p****rophets, and in the* ***p****salms…*

* They were Fools not to believe in His **P**erson - *that all things must be fulfilled…* *concerning Me.*
1. Later, Jesus **D**isplayed evidence that indeed it was He Himself alive and living! 24:40

*And when He had thus spoken, He shewed them His hands and His feet.*

* Compare Jesus’ Proofs to Thomas *- Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.* Jn 20:27

1. The **D**isciples were then made Wise and went on to Sup with Him: 24:42, 43

*He said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And He took it, and did eat before them. And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled,*

* ***Then*** *opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures;*  24:45-49

*And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.*

* **Thus**, today as we participate at the Lord’s Supper may our eyes and hearts be opened to acknowledge ***that*** *Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures: …* I Cor. 15:3, 4
* ***That*** *the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you:*

***This do*** *in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying,* ***This*** *cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till He come.* I Cor. 11:23-26

1. **Compare the Other Fools in Scripture:**
2. The **A**theistic Fool who **R**ejects the God of Creation. Ps 14:1

*The****fool****hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, There is none that doeth good*

1. The Fool who **A**cquired and **A**ccumulated **R**iches. Lk. 12:20

*But God said unto him, Thou****fool****, this night thy soul shall be required of thee:*

*then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?*

1. The Fools who **A**ccentuate *themselves to be wise,* [and] *they became****fools***. Rom 1:22
* *He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose*. Jim Elliot's wife.

**P**oints To **P**onder: Paul became a **Fool** for Christ’s sake, that we may be Wise for Him, I Cor. 4:10

 *See then that ye* ***W****alk circumspectly, not as* ***fools****, but as* ***W****ise,* Eph. 5:15