**R1031 Rumination for October 27, 2024**

The **T**heme: **Open the Eyes of the Blind** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**exts: ***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. 24:25, 26

1. **The Prophecy by Isaiah Isa. 61:1**
2. *﻿*The **F**oretelling in the **P**rophet’s **P**rediction: *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me;*

 *Because the Lord ﻿hath anointed Me ﻿to preach good tidings unto ﻿the meek;*

*He hath sent Me ﻿to bind up ﻿the brokenhearted, ﻿To proclaim liberty to the captives,*

*And ﻿the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*

1. Cp. The **F**ulfilment in the **P**arallel **P**assage: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,* **Lk. 4:18**

*Because He Hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor;*

*He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, ﻿*

*and* ***recovering of sight to the blind****, ﻿to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

1. **The Person of the Messiah. Lk. 24:24-26 (see above)**
2. The **F**ocus of the **M**essiah’s **M**inistry for the **P**resent (not **M**entioned in the **P**rophecy):

The *recovering of sight to the blind*

1. When Jesus was on earth.
2. He healed the **M**an **B**orn **B**lind Physical**ly.** Jn. 9:1-**7**

*Go, wash in ﻿the pool of Siloam…﻿He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.*

1. He **M**inistered to the **B**lind Literal**ly**. Mt. 11:5

*The blind receive their sight, and ﻿the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and ﻿the deaf hear,*

*the dead are raised up, and ﻿the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

1. He **M**ade *the* ***B****lind and dumb both* ***S****pake and* ***S****aw. Then was* ***B****rought unto Him*

*one ﻿possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and He healed him…* Mt. 12:22

1. After Jesus had **R**isen from the dead, He **M**inistered to the two **M**en on the road to Emmaus Spiritual**ly**:
2. He was with them **P**hysical**ly**, but they were **B**lind Spiritual**ly**

*As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing Him.* Lk. 24:16, NIV

*But ﻿their eyes were holden that they should not know Him.* Lk. 24:16, NIV

***and could not recognise Him:***

1. He talked to them **P**ersonal**ly**, but they were **B**usi**ly** occupied with themselves: Lk. 24:17

 *He said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye ﻿have one to another,*

 *as ye walk, and are ﻿sad?*

* **C**leophas was **C**onfused: 24:**18-19**-21

*Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?*

*And He said unto them, What things? And they said unto Him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth,*

*which was ﻿a prophet ﻿mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:*

* They did not believe **C**ertain women in their **C**ompany: 24:22-24

*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. And ﻿certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said:* ***but Him they saw not.***

* They did not know the Scriptures **C**oncerning **C**hrist: 24:25-27 cp. 44-48

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

*﻿Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?*

*﻿And beginning at ﻿Moses and ﻿all the prophets, He expounded unto them in ﻿all the scriptures the things concerning Himself*

* Their Eyes began to be **C**lear… 24:30, 31, 32

When Jesus *sat at meat with them,* ***H****e took bread, and ﻿blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.*

***And ﻿their eyes were opened****,* ***and they knew Him****;*

*and He ﻿﻿vanished out of their sight And they said one to another, Did not ﻿our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He ﻿opened to us the scriptures?*

* **Are our eyes and mind open to recognise Jesus as we take the break and drink of the cup to Remember Him and to Revere Him until He comes again?Amen**

**Points to Ponder:** *It is tragic to have eyes that are* ***H****olden that cannot* ***H****old on to the Lord.*