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Reading: Luke 24:50

God left 4 sketches of His Son.

1. Matthew – a tax collector – portrayed Christ as Sovereign.
2. Mark – a nephew of a Levite – portrayed Son as Servant.
3. Luke – a doctor – portrayed Son as Man at God's bidding.
4. John – a fisherman – portrayed the great King who became a servant and healed many.

Matthew's gospel – 7 mountains – He told the people about His coming kingdom

Luke's gospel – Journeys the Lord Jesus took.

- Ch2 – As a boy up to Jerusalem, His parents thought they had lost Him.
- Ch10 – A Samaritan journeyed
- Ch15 – Crowd on way to Jerusalem
- Ch24 – Lord Jesus went to Bethany, 2 on road to Emmaus

We are all on a journey. Only you and God know the destination, it is determined by what you have done with the Lord Jesus here in time.

40 days earlier they had gone from Bethany to Jerusalem. He had been on His way to be crucified and 3 days later He would rise again.

The Lord Jesus was crucified by main road in garden. He “[came to seek and save that which was lost](#)” (Luke 19:10). The price He had had to pay was His life at Calvary. “[They all forsook Him and fled](#)” (Mark 14:50).

Bethany was important place to the Lord Jesus. A place of funeral (John 11), a place of a feast (John 12), a place of farewell (Luke 24), a place of promise (Acts 1).

Although the Lord Jesus could say, “[not where to lay His head](#)” (Luke 9:58). He would always go to Bethany for He was made welcome. Is He welcome in your life?

“[All have sinned](#)” (Rom 3:23), “[Shapen in iniquity](#)” (Psalm 51:5)

On the cross the Lord Jesus could say “[It is finished](#)” (John 19:30). The great work of salvation was done.

Why did He not go straight back to heaven?

- He needed to speak to one doubting

Many doubt, Thomas had not run away, He saw the Lord crucified but thought that was the end. The first time the Lord appeared to the disciples Thomas was not there and refused to believe the others. “[Unless I...](#)” “[Fear not only believe](#)”

What about us? “[Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved](#)” (Acts 16:31).

When Thomas saw he believed.

- He needed to speak to one who denied

Peter had had great faith, He had walked on the water to the Lord (Matt 14:28). He had reason to say “[We were eyewitnesses of His majesty](#)” (2 Pet. 1:16). He was asked if he was one of the disciples and he said “no”. He went so far as to “[deny with oath and curses](#)” (Matt 26:74). He wasn't afraid of the soldiers but when one laughed at him he denied.

The Lord Jesus met Peter on the shore (Jo 21)

- He needed to speak to two who were distressed.

The two who were distressed walked and He came and walked by them. They would only ask Him “[Don't you know...we trusted](#)” (Luke 24:18-21). They had eyes fixed on the wrong goal. They couldn't understand the ways of God. The Lord “[expounded .. the scriptures](#)” (Luke 24:27).

“[Ought not Christ to have suffered](#)” (Luke 24:26) Why? For it was the purpose of God.

All around are people who doubt or deny and people who are distressed.

Do you doubt it is possible that God would send His Son to be a Saviour?

Do you think there are bigger things in your life and turn away from the opportunity?

The Lord Jesus is the Saviour, the need you have.

He won't ask about you just whether you will believe in Him.

If you trust Him He will bless you with sins forgiven. “[Sins and iniquities will I remember no more](#)” (Heb. 8:12). He will bless you with the Peace of God.