

“How You ‘Connect the Dots’ Really Matters!”

Luke 24:13:32

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Creating and Maintaining an accurate Picture of Biblical things is a key part of the Church’s mission!

2 enormous challenges within the American Church are exposed by what we are considering today:

1. Denominational divisions are rooted in the institutionalizing of incorrect Biblical Pictures.
2. Local Congregations, like us, can easily become divided when we are seeing different goals!

This morning let’s examine the Scripture to see this principle in practice & how when it’s gotten right, can change this world!

- **The 2 men on the Road to Emmaus viewed these Events and were _____.**

“He (Jesus) asked them, ‘What are you discussing together as you walk along?’ ***They stood still, their faces downcast.***” Luke 24:17

It’s hard for us today to see the Resurrection story as one of defeat:
a false picture will do that!

- **Jesus correctly “Connects the Dots” by using**

“Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

Luke 24:26-27

“They asked each other, ***‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’***”

Luke 24:32

- **Every Time the “Dots are Correctly Connected” we see...**

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Great sections of Acts tell and retell the correct story of Messiah:

- Day of Pentecost in Acts 2
- In Temple in Acts 3 & 4
- Stephen in Acts 7
- Philip & the Ethiopian in Acts 8

And the Church grew and gave and loved and suffered...Why? Because they had the correct picture of Jesus and His Kingdom!

Can you see that “How you Connect the Dots” regarding Jesus is of paramount importance?

Conclusion: How accurate is your Picture of Jesus?

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