They Beheld The Resurrected Lord

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INTRODUCTION

- A lot can happen in 50 days. Your whole life can change in a period of 50 days.
- A transformation that is almost unbelievable to see the state of these men at Passover, and then the state of these men at Pentecost.

1 Passover: Bickering and Pride

John 13; Mark 14:31

- When Jesus gave a dry run of the Lord's Supper, that instituting of the Lord's Supper, the apostles were arguing about who is the greatest.
- They didn't want anybody's head popping up any higher than their own.
- Jesus rebuked them for this, and he told them, if you want to be great, you have to be a servant.
- Jesus told them, I've set an example for you so that you should do as I, your master have done. You ought to be washing one another's feet.

2 Confusion and Misunderstanding

John 13:21–36; John 14:3–9

- They were confused about Jesus' death and resurrection.
- They didn't understand about Judas being the betrayer.
- Thomas said to him, Lord, we do not know the way where you are going. How do we know the way? Jesus said, I am the way. The truth and the life.
- What got in the way with the apostles was their presuppositions.

3 Laziness and Unpreparedness

Genesis 3:15; Genesis 12; 2 Samuel 7

- He told them, watch with me and pray.
- He came back to his apostles hoping that they were watching and praying, and what were they doing? Asleep. This happened three times.
- We enter a spiritual slumber at times when we need to be alert and we need to realize the importance of the work that's at hand.

4 Betrayal and Denial

- May we never betray the Lord. But especially may we never betray him with a kiss.
- They forsook him and they fled, just like Jesus said that they would.
- Whenever our faith is shaken to its core, and I've had that done to me before. Don't forsake him and flee.

- Never be embarrassed to stand up for Jesus Christ, our Savior in the workplace and at school and in every place that we are.

5 Pentecost: Clarity, Confession and Unity

Acts 2:22–36; Acts 4:19–20; Acts 4:32

- Do we see confusion any longer? We see clarity and understanding.
- That is the theme of the preaching of the apostles throughout the book of Acts. You killed him, God raised him, we are witnesses.
- Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that this Jesus whom you crucified is both Lord and Christ.
- We cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.
- All the people, not just the apostles, were of one heart and one soul.

6 They Beheld the Resurrected Lord

Luke 24:36; Acts 1:3

- First of all, and most importantly, they beheld the resurrected Lord. They didn't just hear about it.
- To these he also presented himself alive after his suffering by many convincing proofs appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.
- Men don't die for something they know to be a lie.
- It is not a blind faith. It is a faith that is backed by powerful evidence.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We also, brethren, can transform our lives if we shift our focus from self to Savior.**

MY NOTES