

Bruce Rudd: Highway to Heaven

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Bruce Rudd, pastor of [Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church](#) in Mount Sylvan, examined the story of two disciples encountering Jesus as they walked to Emmaus the day Jesus rose from the dead. Even though Jesus had his resurrection body, these two people couldn't recognize him, Rudd remarked.

These two were discussing the right things—the happenings in Jerusalem during the preceding days, especially Jesus' death and subsequent empty tomb, Rudd proclaimed. Jesus explained what the Scripture told about him, but they still didn't know it was him.

Rudd compared their inability to see to our own inability to see the truth. He laid the blame for our current blindness on sin and departing from God's word, concluding, "America's problem today is a sin problem."

Near the end of the story, the two disciples' eyes were opened and they knew Jesus. Rudd explains this knowing wasn't simply head knowledge, but it was experience. The result changed them profoundly.

Rudd delivered this sermon April 9, 2023, for Easter Sunday at Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church in Mount Sylvan.

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