

**Title:** Open Sesame

**Text:** Luke 24:25-35

**Target:** It was closed...Until now...

- I. **Opened-Ears:** *"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."* (Vs. 27)
  - A. **Through Promise:** *"He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel."* (Genesis 3:15)
  - B. **Through Principle:** *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."* (Matthew 5:17)
  - C. **Through Provision:** *"The blood shall be a sign for you...and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you or destroy you,"* (Exodus 12:13)
  - D. **Through Prophecy:** *"He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities...and with his wounds we are healed."* (Isaiah 53:5)
- II. **Opened-Eyes:** *"When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him."* (Vs. 30-31)
  - A. **Manifestation:** *"When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'" (Exodus 16:15)*
  - B. **Incarnation:** *"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'" (John 6:35)*
  - C. **Revelation:** *"And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" (Luke 22:19)*
- III. **Opened-Hearts:** *"They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?'" (Luke 24:32)*
  - A. **Heart of Confirmation:** *"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Cor. 4:6)*
  - B. **Heart of Conviction:** *"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)*
  - C. **Heart of Comfort:** *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7)*
- IV. **Opened-Mouths:** *"The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Vs. 34-35)*

**Takeaway:** Opened ears... opened eyes... opened hearts... opened mouths...this is what happens when you encounter Jesus.