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MEMORANDUM

TO: *Carey Pulpit* Contributors
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RE: Guidelines

Each sermon outline should be 500-600 words in length. Feel free to submit one or more outlines. Your sermon topic can be general or can be focused on a special holiday (New Years, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.), event (student graduation, ordination of minister/deacon, etc.), or the Winter Bible Study topic.

Please use the following format for the sermon outline. A completed sample copy is attached for your convenience. You may send your completed sermon outlines as email attachments.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

SERMON TITLE
Scripture Passage

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Introduction:
Introduction narrative.

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I. First Main Point (Chapter:Verse).

[Bold Type and First Letter of Each Word is Capitalized]

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 - 1. Second level sub point.
- B. Second sub point.
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II. Second Main Point (Chapter:Verse).

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III. Third Main Point (Chapter:Verse).

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Conclusion:
Conclusion Narrative.

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KNOWN BY HIS GRATITUDE**John 24:13-35****Introduction:**

Gratitude is an attitude. It is our choice whether we will be grateful, or an ingrate. We should not ask God for more to be grateful. We should ask God to enable us to be more grateful for what we already have. Our prayer should be, "Lord, now add to all the wonderful gifts and blessings you have given us, the gift of a grateful heart."

Jesus, who is our model, always demonstrated gratitude. In this passage the Christ who was hidden from them was recognized by a simple act. This act was the breaking and the blessing of bread. From this passage we want to see why they didn't know Him, how He revealed himself, and what the people did once they recognized Him.

I. The Reasons for Their Blindness (24:16).

- A. In this verse it is said that their eyes were beholden (restrained) so that they did not know Him.
 1. They were blinded by the sunshine. We should realize that Emmaus is West of Jerusalem. Have you ever traveled west in the late afternoon, with the sun shining in your eyes? It has a blinding effect.
 2. The sunshine represents the good times in our lives. When everything is going our way, we have the world by the tail and swinging. It is exactly during times of self-sufficiency, when we feel that we need no one, that Satan can blind us to the reality of Jesus, namely His presence in our lives, His power in our lives, and His protection over our lives.
 3. They were blinded by the shadows. The trip is seven miles. It took several hours. While they traveled, the sunset and the shadows grew across their path. The shadows represent the bad times, times of difficulty, depression, distress, disaster. Isn't that how life is? Just when we think everything is going just fine, just when we feel that we are on top of the world, the shadows appear.
- B. In times of trouble we are sometimes blinded to the Savior.

II. The Revelation of the Savior.

- A. He tried to reveal Himself to them by His words, and by the Word, but in their grief and disappointment they did not hear.
- B. Sometimes words are inadequate. At such times as this we must demonstrate the Christian faith. They recognized Him by a gracious and gentle act of thanksgiving.
- C. How does the world recognize who we are? Do our deeds reveal us?

III. The Results of Recognizing the Risen Lord (24:32-34).

- A. Once the men recognized who He was, things began to change.
- B. What can we expect from people who have been with Jesus, who have learned from Him?
 1. We can expect warm hearts (24:32). The world does not need more sophisticated programs. The important things are not buildings and budgets to boast about. What a lost world needs is to see people who know the Lord and who demonstrate a warm, loving, positive spirit that authenticates their words.
 2. We can expect a missionary spirit (24:33-34). Bonhoeffer once said, "Just as fire cannot exist without burning, the church cannot exist without missions. When we lose sight of a lost world, and Christ's commission for us to take the gospel to every corner of it, we cease to be what He intends."
 3. What better way to show your gratitude to God than to be the warm-hearted missionaries.

Conclusion:

Have you recognized the Savior today? How are you going to live your life? You can continue your life's journey in blindness. You can miss opportunities to see Christ working in your life. Or you can receive the blessings of recognizing Him.