

## “Just a Little Walk with Jesus”

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### Scripture

#### Luke 24:13-34

“Behold, **two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus**, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.

While they were talking and discussing, **Jesus Himself approached** and began traveling with them. But **their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him**. And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?"

And they **stood still, looking sad**. One of them, named **Cleopas**, answered and said to Him, "**Are You the only one** visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, **who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God** and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death and crucified Him."

"But we were **hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel**. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. "But also, some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."

And He said to them, "O **fools and slow of heart to believe** in all that the prophets have spoken! "**Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?**" Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, **He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures**.

And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. But they urged Him, saying, "**Stay with us**, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So, He went in to stay with them. When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to one another, "**Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?**"

And they got up **that very hour and returned to Jerusalem** and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."

## The Road to Emmaus

### The Travelers:

Cleopas (verse 18) and his wife Mary walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus

Cleopas was Jesus's uncle and Mary, Jesus's aunt

## John 19:23-25

"The soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS." Therefore, the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, **Mary the wife of Cleopas**, and Mary Magdalene."

They **were talking and discussing** (or reasoning with one another). This was a debate or maybe an argument. They were trying to figure out what had just happened.

## The Lord Appears

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### What would they be prevented from recognizing Jesus?

- 1) They were family; they would have easily recognized Him as their nephew. Perhaps, God did not want Jesus to be seen as part of the earthly family any longer. He was the risen Messiah.
- 2) We learn that they had an inaccurate understanding of the Messiah and Jesus was about to teach them the straight truth.
- 3) Jesus's identity was originally hidden from Mary Magdalene at the tomb. It wasn't until she heard His voice that she knew it was the Lord.

Jesus "plays dumb" -> "What are you talking about?"

The two were very sad: "Gloomy, downcast, and dejected"

"Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

"How could He NOT know about the events of the last three days?" they are thinking.

Jesus wanted to know what their perceptions were of the events.

### He was The Prophet

They said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, **who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God** and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death and crucified Him."

### He was the long-awaited prophet

#### Deuteronomy 18:15

Moses said, "**The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me** from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him."

#### Matthew 21:11

"and the crowds were saying, '**This is the prophet** Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee'"

Mighty in Deed -> His **Works**

Might in Word -> His **Teaching**

In the Sight of God -> His **Relationship** to the Father -> "I and the Father are One"

#### John 14:10

"The words that I say to you **I do not speak on My own initiative**, but the Father abiding in Me does His works."

He was unlike any other Prophet before Him, though. He was Unique.

### Dashed Hopes

"But we were **hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.**"

They expected a kingdom takeover now!

### **Psalm 72:6-15**

“He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. **He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.** They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. **Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.** For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight. And **he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised**”

Jesus declared that He was going to be crucified (Matthew 16:21), Peter’s response was:

### **Matthew 16:22-23**

“Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.”

### **Mark 9:32**

“But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.”

He DID redeem Israel and all who believed in Him.

“Redeem” -> Lutroo -> “to pay a ransom for”

### **Job 19:25**

“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth.”

### **You Fools, was it Not Necessary?**

The Messiah prophesied to be crucified:

### **Genesis 3:15**

“I will put enmity Between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; **He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.**”

### Psalm 22:11-18

“Be not far from me, for trouble is near; For there is none to help. Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me. They open wide their mouth at me, As a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death. **For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.**”

### Zechariah 12:10

“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that **they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.**”

Jesus often taught of His future to the disciples:

### Matthew 16:21-23

“From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.”

### Matthew 20:17-19

“Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; **and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up.**”

### Mark 9:31-32

“For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, “**The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later.**” But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.”

He also conversed with Moses and Elijah about it during His transfiguration:

### Luke 9:28-31

“He took along Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming. And **behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.**”

The disciples should not have been surprised at the events, but they just didn't want to believe that Jesus had to die for them. The Holy Spirit's teaching changed Peter so that he preached it.

### Acts 2:36

"Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for certain that **God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified.**"

### The Revelation of the Messiah

“And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. But they urged Him, saying, "**Stay with us**, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So, He went in to stay with them. When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. **Then their eyes were opened**, and they recognized Him; and **He vanished from their sight**. They said to one another, "**Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?**"

### Just Stay with Us

The couple invited Jesus into their home since they were enjoying the conversation with Him.

Who wouldn't enjoy that conversation?

Can you imagine having the Messiah explain the Old Testament to you?

Jesus administers the dinner just as He did with the Last Supper (John 13).

God then opens their eyes to see the Messiah

There are moments in our life when we are taught about Jesus and then there is a moment when we see the Messiah!

Their reaction after they were allowed to realize who He was that is precious.

### Burning Hearts

Jesus vanishes; another mission accomplished in the Resurrection. He created two more witnesses.

“Were not our hearts burning” -> “to be moved greatly”

“Opened the Scriptures” -> “caused them to understand”

### **The Return that Very Hour**

“And they got up **that very hour and returned to Jerusalem** and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, “The **Lord has really risen** and has appeared to Simon.”

Even though it was already late in the evening they traversed the seven miles immediately to let the disciples know they saw the risen Messiah.

They simply had to tell someone right away that the Messiah was risen.

### **My Walk with Jesus**

We use the phrase “our walk with Jesus” a lot.

#### **Where are you in Your Walk with Jesus?**

- Verse 15: **Are you Walking with Jesus?**
- Verse 16: **Do you recognize Him in your life?**
- Verse 19: **Is He your Prophet?**
- Verse 21: **Is He your True Hope?**
- Verse 27: **Is He your Teacher?**
- Verse 29: **Do you bring Him into your Home to stay?**
- Verse 32: **Does your Heart Burn when you have the Bible explained to you?**
- Verse 33: **Do you run to tell people about Him?**

### **Communion**

### **Prayer for the Church**

### **Benediction**