

Easter 2024
On the Road Again
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- Happy Easter!
- On The Road Again
- It's about life

Luke 24:13-15, 25-35 (ESV) That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. 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. And he vanished from their sight. 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?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "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.

The Emmaus Perspective

1st) Shattered **DREAMS**.

Luke 24:13 (ESV) That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

- Emmaus is every person's town.
- Frustration
- Confusion
- Grief
- Despair

Luke 24:14 (ESV) and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

- Emmaus is whatever we do or wherever we go to salvage and sort out our story
- It's the place where we summon the courage and desire to keep going on, or to try and forget
- When we discover this fallen world holds nothing sacred

- At the turning points and traumas of life, like those disciples of old, we head for some Emmaus to get away from it all, to wait it out or seek to discover how to live through it."

2nd) Probing QUESTIONS.

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- Why were their eyes kept from recognizing him?
- *And they stood still, looking sad.*
- Probing questions are designed to cause us think
- Sad
- Why?
- Why is this happening?

Job 3:20 (GNT) "Why let people go on living in misery? Why give light to those in grief"

- You don't always need an explanation; you need strength
- You don't always need an explanation; you need a Savior
- You don't always need an explanation; you need support
- I don't know

Proverbs 25:2a (TLB) "It is God's privilege to conceal things"

Three Way God Reveals:

A) He reveals himself through NATURE

B) He reveals himself through CIRCUMSTANCES

C) He reveals himself through SCRIPTURE

- God also conceals
- Sometimes God intentionally hides his face from us
- Why?
- So we'll learn to trust him and to live by faith rather than by our feelings.

1 Corinthians 13:9, 12 (CEV) "We don't know everything, and our prophecies are not complete. . . . Now all we can see of God is like a cloudy picture in a mirror. Later we will see him face to face. We don't know everything, but then we will, just as God completely understand us"

- One day it's all going to be clear
- It's all going to make sense

- God wants you to trust him

3rd) An **ENCOUNTER** with a stranger.

Luke 24:25-26(ESV) And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

- There is always the friend who joins us

A. He was **UNKNOWN**

Jesus often comes to us incognito

B. He was a **REMINDER**

Luke 24:27 (ESV) And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

C. He was **POLITE**

Luke 24:28-29 (ESV) So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.

- Jesus does not force himself upon us
- He awaited their invitation to come in
- The gift of free will

4th) Eyes **OPENED**.

Luke 24:30-31 (ESV) 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. And he vanished from their sight.

Luke 24:32 (ESV) 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?”

- Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched when Jesus Shows up
- It’s not just that it happened
- It’s that it’s still happening