

Their Eyes Were Opened

Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them,

"What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him,

"Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

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"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

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He said to them,

"How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

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They asked each other,

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying,

"It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

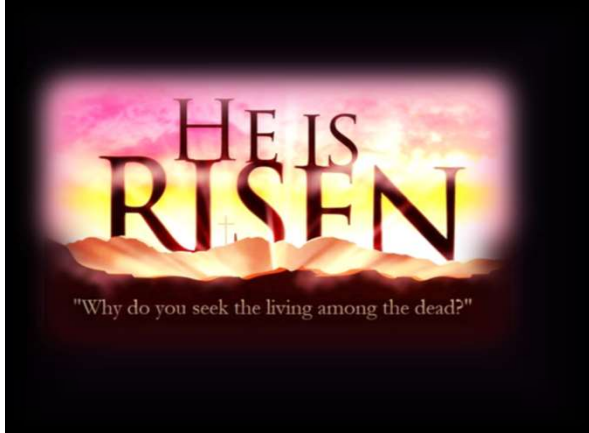
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Now that same day...

"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them,

'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!'"

Luke 24:1-5



Now that same day...

Another festival, **DONE:** *We had hoped!*

Hopes, **DASHED!**

Loss!

Uncertainty!

Questions!

And...
an empty walk home!

Cleopas & an unnamed colleague...

What do you do when hope is lost?? *We had hoped!*

Job 3:25 –
“For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I dread has come upon me.”

What do you do when hope is lost?? *We had hoped!*

... once kindled, now as fading embers!

John 21:3 -
“I’m going fishing!”

As they talked and discussed these things...

Jesus himself came up and walked along with them!

“Don’t cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father!”
John 20:17

As they talked and discussed these things...

Jesus himself came up and walked along with them!

“They were kept from recognizing Him!”

Divinely?
Different form?
Grief?
Circumstances?

As they talked and discussed these things...

Jesus himself came up and walked along with them!

A special “blindness” befalls them!

Though He’s with them, they cannot discern it!

As they talked and discussed these things...

Jesus himself came up and walked along with them!

**We’ve heard the stories!
Others are saying...**

An empty tomb! Angels! No body! A sighting!

As they talked and discussed these things...

Jesus himself came up and walked along with them!

**We’ve heard the stories!
Others are saying...**

But Him, we did not see!

As they talked and discussed these things...

Jesus himself came up and walked along with them!

**A crucifixion, YES!
A resurrection, NO!**

But Him, we did not see!

Jesus’ rebuke -

“How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!”

- ✓ No stately form!
- ✓ No majesty!
- ✓ Despised!
- ✓ Forsaken!
- ✓ Crushed!
- ✓ Lamb > slaughter!

Takes them back to what they already know!

Knowledge



Understanding

Jesus speaks...
they hear...
...invite Him in!

In His breaking of
the bread,
their eyes
“are opened!”



Jesus speaks...
they hear...
...invite Him in!

Their eyes
were
opened as
well!



Who do YOU invite to
dinner?



And they saw Him no
more!

John 20:29

“Blessed are they who do
not see, but believe!”