

The Gospel According to Luke

ON THE ROAD

PART 12

Christ Revealing Himself

READ: LUKE 24:13-35

INTRODUCTION

Two disciples walking the road to Emmaus are joined by the risen Jesus—and they don't even know it. This is not just a story of grief clouding vision; it's about how understanding, faith, and recognition are spiritually revealed. Luke sets the stage for a masterclass in how Christ uses Scripture to open eyes and hearts. The irony is thick: they talk about Jesus while Jesus Himself walks beside them. Their hope had been crucified, their faith scattered—and yet, Christ patiently draws them in, not with immediate displays of power, but with the Word.

These disciples had walked with Jesus during His ministry, heard His teachings, seen His miracles, and yet in this moment, they're unable to comprehend who He is. This is often true of us. We can know facts about Jesus, attend church regularly, even serve in His name—and still miss His presence right beside us. Jesus does something incredibly pastoral here. He doesn't scold them for not recognizing Him. Instead, He enters into their conversation. He listens to their sorrow. He walks at their pace. Then, He begins to teach. He opens the Scriptures—not with vague encouragement but with depth and clarity—showing how Moses, the prophets, and all of Scripture pointed to the suffering and glory of the Messiah. Their hearts begin to burn—not from emotion alone, but from truth taking root.

Then comes the turning point. They urge Him to stay. He breaks bread. And in that moment—fellowship, hospitality, and divine revelation collide. Their eyes are opened. Jesus is known. And everything changes. This is how spiritual transformation happens. Jesus walks with us, teaches us through His Word, and reveals Himself in ordinary moments—when we welcome Him, listen closely, and break bread together. This passage is a template for discipleship, a window into how Christ draws near, and a challenge: Will we recognize Jesus when He draws near in ways we weren't expecting?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think the two disciples were kept from recognizing Jesus at first? What might this teach us about spiritual awareness?
2. How does Jesus use Scripture to help them understand what happened? What does this show about the importance of God's Word?
3. What do you think was significant about the moment Jesus broke the bread? Why was that the moment of recognition?
4. How does this story speak to seasons of disappointment or doubt in our own lives?
5. What can we learn from the disciples' immediate response after recognizing Jesus? How can we cultivate that same urgency to share the good news?

WRAP UP

Luke 24:13-35 is a powerful story of revelation and renewed faith. Jesus meets His followers in their confusion and sorrow, walks with them patiently, and opens their eyes through His Word and presence. Are we walking in awareness of Christ's presence in our lives? Are we allowing Scripture to shape our understanding of Him? Let's pray for eyes to see, hearts that burn with love for Jesus, and a boldness to share the truth of the risen Christ with others.