Road To Emmaus

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Jesus' has been crucified. He died and was placed in a tomb with Roman guards around it. Now on the third day, the tomb is empty. Jesus has been resurrected. The disciples are trying to come to grips with the empty tomb!

Luke 24:13-32 (ESV)

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ 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. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" (Jesus the master of conversation! Ask a question.) And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. (All the disciples had this misconception.) Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the

morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive (This is the shock of everything. They couldn't believe Jesus was alive.). 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And **Jesus said to them,** "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! (Everything was in the Scriptures and had been predicted!) ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the **Scriptures the things concerning himself.** (What Bible study! I would have loved to have heard it!) ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ 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. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?"

The whole world has changed. Now we are dealing with the Resurrected Christ. Through Jesus' humanity HE died in our place for our sins.

Now through HIS Deity, Jesus is going to transform men and women and impact the whole world. This Scripture gives the fundamentals of Jesus' living presence and how HE directs HIS people today. Let us pay close attention about how to hear from the living resurrected Jesus. Jesus still speaks today.

Luke 24:15 (ESV)

While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

This statement is so very true for the church today. When we as believers come together talking and discussing the things of God, Jesus draws near to us in that very conversation. This is a very important reason we should meet together in Home Groups and Sunday mornings.

Matthew 18:20 (ESV)

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

The present reality of Jesus continues today. This is not a one-time event. This is a lesson for us today!

Luke 24:32 (ESV)

They said to each other, "Did not <u>our hearts burn</u> within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

The Bible is the very breathed out word of God. Like anything we can read it and intellectually evaluate it. However, with the risen Christ, the Bible comes alive. We read it with our mind but the living Christ opens our heart and burns, prompts, checks, and stirs our hearts in profound ways. We don't just read anymore; Jesus speaks specifically to us through the Bible. Bill Wright always said, "Read the Bible and God will speak to you. I asked, "How?" Bill turned to this verse and said, "Read the Bible until something burns within your heart. That is God speaking specifically to you!" God has not left us alone in this crazy world. He will speak to us!

1 John 2:20 (ESV)

But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.

The Holy One within us has all knowledge and HE will reveal the knowledge that is necessary for us when we spend time with HIM. Read the Bible!

1 John 2:27 (ESV)

But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you.

Of course we have teachers and learn from them. However, Jesus is our primary teacher and HE is still speaking today. We are running around looking for answers and God says we have the answers in the Bible. Here is an example of the inner working of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 3:15 (ESV)
And let the peace of Christ <u>"rule"</u> in your hearts!

Rule means "to act as an umpire or to arbitrate, decide". Let the peace of God umpire in your heart. Let the peace of God call balls and strikes. How many times have you heard Christians say, "I have a peace about that!" Or they say, "I have a check in my spirit about that!" This is just a small example of God umpiring or speaking in our hearts. Jesus says the very same things.

John 14:26 (ESV)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

The Resurrected Christ brings the Scriptures to life!

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.