

The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

- Two disciples downcast on the road to Emmaus about 7 miles from Jerusalem
- As they spoke together about their crucified Lord their hopes were dashed
- They perhaps never realized at first but a stranger came up to walk with them
- Though he asked questions they were kept from recognizing that it was Jesus
- The stranger acted as though he knew nothing of what they were speaking
- They explained how their hopes that Jesus was the Messiah were dashed
- Vs 25 the stranger rebukes them for not believing what the Scriptures taught.

I. Hopelessness, Leading to doubt and Despair (24: 25-29)

Vs 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!”

- Jesus had taught them from all the Scriptures of His death and resurrection
- Yet the error of the national triumph of Messiah prevailed among the disciples
- Jesus repeatedly explained to them how He would suffer & die (Jn 12:30-32)
- His crucifixion would cast out the devil & draw all people to Himself
- Scriptures “He was numbered with transgressors”: fulfilled in Him (Lk 23:37)
- Kept from recognizing Him (16) so that they could believe Scriptures’ witness

II. Resurrection Reality Turns Despair into Joy (24: 30-33)

- Standing at the table with them breaking bread suddenly they recognized Him
- As quickly as they saw Him, he vanished, so they responded to His presence:

Vs. 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?”

- They pondered His explanation of the Scriptures they were filled with wonder
- Their joy could not be contained, the woman/disciples had indeed seen him
- In darkness they ran back to the others, several miles back to Jerusalem (33)

II. Resurrection Joy Translates into Proclamation (24:34-35)

- They couldn’t contain the hope that filled their lives, darkness turned to light
- Hours before, they were downcast & discouraged; now they were full of hope
- They would all go on to witness to the power of the Gospel of the risen Christ
- Peter writes about this living hope in Jesus’ death & resurrection (1 Pet 1:3)