Digging Deeper Study Reshaped Wardrobe Week of April 20, 2025

Luke 24:13-35 NIV

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named

"In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity." (John 13:34)

Read the text completely, then come back and discuss the questions.

Why do you think the two disciples were unable to recognize Jesus initially?

Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "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. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ 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.

²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

Aside: It's important for our western minds to realize that this was written in a middle eastern context where any part of a day constituted a full day.

What's the significance of the women finding the empty tomb?

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Why is it so important for us to have an understanding of the Old Testament in looking at Jesus mission? Isaiah 53, Micah 5:2, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Luke 24:44, Hebrews 11:39-40, 2 Timothy 2:15

Why do we have to be careful in getting overly focused on the Old Testament? Matthew 5:17, Romans 8:3-4, Hebrew 9:15

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ 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.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were

opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

What is the significance for our life of faith of the fact that Jesus acted as if He were going further? John 1:12, Romans 10:9-10

³² 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?"

How does the moment of recognition impact the disciples? Share your "moment(s) of recognition of who Jesus is.

This burning refers to the deep sense of conviction and understanding that the disciple felt as Jesus explained the scriptures to them. While it's not about seek a specific emotional experience, there are valuable aspects of their encounter that we can desire in our own spiritual journey. What are a few of these experiences? 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 28:20 (!), Romans 12:2

Ultimately, it's about seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, allowing His Spirit to guide us, and being open to the insights and understanding that come from engaging with Scripture. This can lead to a genuine passion and enthusiasm for our faith, much like the disciples experienced.

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and

has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Why is it important that the disciples "assembled" together? Hebrews 10:24-25, Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 2:42-47, John 17:20-23. What has been your experience with Christian community?