

## **On the Road to Emmaus**

Luke 24:13-35

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Two of Jesus' followers were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus talking about recent events when they realized someone was walking with them. That someone was Jesus, but something kept them from recognizing him.

Jesus asked, "What are you talking about so intently?"

"We were talking about Jesus of Nazareth, a man of God, a powerful prophet who performed miracles. The people loved him. But the religious leaders had him tried and sentenced to death. Three days ago, he was crucified.

"Then, early this morning, some of the women in our group came back from his tomb claiming he's alive, risen from the dead. Some of the men went out and found the tomb empty, just as the women had said. But none of them saw Jesus. It's all so confusing."

"Why would it be confusing? Where is your faith? The scriptures clearly say the Messiah must suffer before he can enter into his glory." Beginning with the Law of Moses and continuing through the prophets this stranger explained all the passages having to do with the Messiah. Their hearts burned as they listened to him. It became so clear that all those passages of scripture were talking about Jesus.

When they reached Emmaus, they prepared a meal. Jesus took bread and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread and handed it to them. In that instant, they recognized him. And then, he was gone. He just vanished.

The two of them immediately headed back to Jerusalem to find the apostles. They were told, "The Lord has risen and has appeared to Peter." Then they told everyone what had happened to them on the road to Emmaus, and how they recognized Jesus when he broke the bread.