

# The journey from confusion to confidence

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

<sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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?”

<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “What things?” 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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.”

<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?”

<sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. Wheaton : Standard Bible Society, 2001

### **The disciples were in full retreat (13-24)**

Being discouraged (17) and disappointed (21), the disciples went home (13)

The disciples had a three-fold problem:

They didn't see (16)

They didn't understand (17-24)

They didn't believe

*Without Christ, life can be pretty confusing*

### **Jesus restored the disciples' hope (25-32)**

Jesus met the disciples at their point of need:

He addressed their unbelief (25)

He explained the truth (26-27)

He opened their eyes (30-31)

*Christ can help us make sense of our doubts and questions*

### **The disciples rushed to tell the story (33-35)**

*When we encounter the risen Christ, we can't wait to tell others*

***The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed.***