

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

LUKE 24:13-49

"...they came back saying that they had seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive." (v. 23b)



TEXTUAL OUTLINE

SECTION #1: THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

A: Journey from Jerusalem (v. 13-15)

B: Jesus appears, obstructed eyes, lack of recognition (v. 16)

C: Interaction with Jesus, walking together (v. 17-18)

D: Summary of "things" concerning Jesus (v. 19-21)

E: Empty tomb and vision (v. 22-23a)

CENTRE: **Jesus is alive!** (v. 23b)

E': Empty tomb and no vision (v. 24)

D': Interpretation of "things" concerning Jesus (v. 25-27)

C': Interaction with Jesus, eating together (v. 28-30)

B': Opened eyes, recognition, Jesus vanishes (v. 31-32)

A': Journey back to Jerusalem (v. 33-35)

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SECTION #2: POST-ROAD TO EMMAUS

The result: *Jesus commissions His disciples to the nations* (v. 36-49)



APPLYING THE TEXT

- 1) Jesus is _____ than you may _____.
- 2) You can be close to Jesus but still _____.
- 3) The risen Jesus is revealed:
 - a) Through _____
 - b) By _____
 - c) In _____
- 4) Recognition of Jesus leads to _____.

REFLECTION + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What details stand out to you in this passage? What feels surprising or unexpected?
2. How would you describe the emotional state of the two disciples at the beginning? What do they understand correctly about Jesus? What are they missing?
3. Why do you think Jesus prevents them from recognizing Him at first?
4. How does this narrative show us the importance of Scripture in understanding Jesus?
5. What is the significance of Jesus being recognized in "the breaking of bread"?
6. What do you think is meant by their "hearts burned within them"? How can you cultivate a "burning heart" for God's Word in your daily life?
7. Have you ever experienced disappointment like these two disciples on the Road to Emmaus ("We had hoped...")? What was your "we had hoped..." moment?
8. Reflection: In what ways might you be walking with Jesus but not recognizing Him?
9. The disciples immediately return to Jerusalem to share the good news – what does that teach us about our role as His disciples?
10. Who in your life needs encouragement or clarity about who Jesus is? How will you respond to that need?