

NEXT STEPS

Easter reminds us that Jesus is not dead—He is alive. He is present in our lives, walking with us in our confusion, our disappointment, and even in seasons where nothing seems to make sense. Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we can be so focused on what we expected God to do that we miss what He is actually doing right in front of us. Yet even when we don't recognize Him, He is still at work—guiding, teaching, and drawing us closer to Himself. The resurrection is proof that God is always working, even when it feels like hope is gone.

Where do you need to surrender your expectations to Jesus so He can open your eyes to what He is truly doing in your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Who or what can you be praying for this week?

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**EYES
OPENED
HEARTS
BURNING**



Talk It Over Questions

For the week of April 5, 2026
Eyes Opened, Hearts Burning
Luke 24:13–36

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY STORY

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were discouraged because Jesus didn't meet their expectations. They had hoped for something different—and when things didn't go as planned, they began to lose heart.

In what areas of your life have your expectations of God led to disappointment or confusion?

Even though Jesus was walking with them, they didn't recognize Him. Their pain and perspective kept them from seeing what God was actually doing.

What are some ways we can miss what God is doing in our lives because we are focused on what we expected instead?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Luke 24:13–16

The disciples were walking away from Jerusalem—away from the place where God was at work—because they believed the story was over.

What does it reveal about our faith when we start “walking away” from where God is working because things don't make sense?

Read Luke 24:17–24

Their understanding of Jesus was shaped more by their circumstances than by God's Word.

How can our emotions and experiences sometimes shape our view of God more than Scripture does?

Read Luke 24:25–27

Jesus corrected their thinking by pointing them back to the Scriptures and showing them God's plan.

Why is it essential to anchor our understanding of God in His Word rather than our feelings or circumstances?

Read Luke 24:30–32

When Jesus revealed Himself, their eyes were opened and their hearts burned within them as He explained the Scriptures.

Have you ever experienced a moment where God's Word became real and alive to you? What was that like?

Read Luke 24:33–36

After recognizing Jesus, the disciples immediately went to tell others the good news.

What should be our natural response when we truly understand that Jesus is alive?