



Shelby Christian Church

BEFORE AND AFTER: LIVING THE RESURRECTION
LUKE 24:13-35, JOHN 20:19-20, ROMANS 6:4 * 4/12/2026

Easter changes how we live on Monday, not just how we celebrate on Sunday.

When was the last time something truly shocked you—one of those moments that caught you completely off guard? What set it off? And once the surprise hit, how did you react? What made you respond that way?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ LUKE 24:13-35

What part of this story stands out to you the most—the confusion, the conversation, or the moment of recognition? The two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem discouraged. What do you think their emotional state was like? Jesus asks them what they're discussing, even though He already knows. What does this teach us about how Jesus engages with people? Have you ever had an experience where something you thought you understood suddenly "clicked" in a new way? Jesus explains the Scriptures to them before revealing His identity. Why do you think He chose that order? The disciples say their hearts were "burning within" them as Jesus spoke. What do you think that means?

What does this passage teach us about the role of Scripture in understanding Jesus? Have you ever had a moment when Scripture reframed something you were going through? Their eyes were opened when Jesus broke the bread. Why do you think that was the moment everything became clear?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 20:19-20

When and where were the disciples gathered in this passage? Why were the disciples afraid, and what does this reveal about their state of mind? What is the significance of Jesus coming to them despite the locked doors? Why do you think Jesus' first words to them were, "Peace be with you"? What is the importance of Jesus showing them His hands and His side?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 6:4

What does it mean to be "buried with Him by baptism into death"? How is baptism connected to Christ's death and resurrection? How does knowing your old self was buried with Christ give you hope? How does this verse challenge old habits or patterns of sin? What does Paul mean by "walking in newness of life"? What role does the Father's glory play in the resurrection?

APPLICATION

When have you felt like you were “walking away” from something you hoped God would do? What would it look like to invite Him into your confusion, disappointment, or questions? How does talking out loud about our disappointments or confusion help us recognize what God is doing?

What practices (communion, prayer, worship, community) help “open your eyes” to Jesus today? What kinds of fears or uncertainties do believers face today that are similar to the disciples’ fears? When have you experienced fear that Jesus needed to replace with His peace?

How should understanding your union with Christ affect how you live daily? What are some signs that someone is walking in “newness of life”? How does this verse challenge old habits or patterns of sin? How can remembering your baptism encourage you in your faith?

PRAYER