



# **“THE TWO GREATEST SERMONS EVER PREACHED”**

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**Luke 24:13-15 & 44-45 NIV**

# QUESTIONS:

#1. If Jesus was with us today what would his appearance be?

#2. If you could personally attend any sermon ever given which one would it be?

## LUKE 24:13-15 NIV

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

<sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

## LUKE 24:44-45 NIV

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.



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- Old Testament
- Genesis to Malachi
- 2500 B.C. to 400 B.C.
- 39 books
- Hebrew

Over 250 predictions of  
the coming of Christ!

**PROMISE!**



**PROMISE FULFILLED!**  
**BUT WAIT!**

# THE PIVOTAL EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY

The Fulfillment of God's Promise –  
Christ's Life on Earth

Yet, his “death” stopped  
the good news of salvation and  
the creation of Christianity in  
It’s tracks!

# THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

- Two Disciples did not recognize Jesus
- They were despondent
- It was over all was lost

# THE 1ST GREATEST SERMON EVER

## **LUKE 24: 25 – 26 NIV**

“How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His Glory?”

## **LUKE 24: 24 - 27**

“and beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself.”

## LUKE 24: 32 - AT THE INN

“they asked each other,  
were not our hearts burning  
within us while He talked with us  
on the road and opened  
the scriptures to us?”



# THE 2ND GREATEST SERMON EVER

# THE “UPPER ROOM”

- the same night
- to the Apostles and others

This sequence of events had to  
play out exactly as it did for  
humankind to receive the gifts of  
Redemption and Salvation

**WOULDN'T YOU HAVE LOVED TO  
HAVE BEEN THERE?!**

**BUT WOULD YOU HAVE  
RECOGNIZED THE SAVIOR?**

The lesson of that night's events seem  
to go much deeper than  
“restarting” the Apostles

# THE NEW COVENANT ASKED ONLY TWO THINGS FROM US.

1. Love God your father with  
all your heart and all your soul.
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.

# EMMAUS

- Jesus was a part of the conversation, and the Disciples did not know it.
- Jesus sacrificed his life for us, and the Apostles and Disciples did not understand it.



Isn't this telling us that  
Jesus is present in every conversation  
and all we do, every day?

Isn't He longing to  
see our understanding of, and  
willingness to include  
the New Covenant in all that  
we think, say, and do, every day?

Would you recognize Jesus and the Holy Spirit if they joined you on your “Journey to Emmaus?”



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