

# Encountering Jesus along Life's Road



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## Luke 24:13-35 edited NIV

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- <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;
- <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

- 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.
- 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"
- 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

- 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;
- 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.
- 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning
- 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive

- 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”
- 25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken?
- 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”
- 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

- 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther.
- 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.
- 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

- 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.
- 32 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?"
- 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together
- 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."
- 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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- Surrender your Expectations
  - My Heavenly Father, I greatly desire\_\_\_\_\_. While this expectation is mostly honorable and good, it is nonetheless mine and may not be Yours. I am frustrated and disillusioned because all my efforts to accomplish what I believe to be right fail to accomplish anything. Therefore, I must accept that the outcome I desire is not what you desire. Lord, I release my expectation, and I humbly ask You to accomplish Your will in whatever manner You see fit and in whatever time You consider appropriate. Amen.

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- Trust God's Timing