

3. *“Encouragement for the Journey”*



Bible Reading

Luke 24:13-17

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ 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.

Message

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Two of Jesus’ disciples were returning from Jerusalem to Emmaus, a journey of about seven miles. As they walked, the two were despondently recalling the death and burial of the Lord Jesus. They had placed their faith in Jesus and now His death on the Cross and burial in the tomb had plunged them into despair. Jesus cared very deeply about these two disciples in their sadness. In the midst of their discouragement and confusion, He came up beside them and walked with them, but they were kept from recognising Him.



From Despondance to Hope Along the Road to Emmaus

Jesus wanted to encourage them and He did so with the Word of God. As He spoke about God's faithfulness to the people scattered throughout the Old Testament, the disciples' hearts were warmed. As they neared their home they invited their fellow traveller to spend the night with them. How richly they were to be rewarded! They sat down for their evening meal and as their Guest broke bread and passed it to them, they knew Him for the first time. Had they seen the nail prints on His hands? We only know that their eyes had been miraculously opened to recognise Him. As soon as that happened, He disappeared from their sight. Then they recalled their journey. No wonder their hearts had burned within them whilst He talked with them and opened the Scriptures to them. Their teacher and companion had been none other than the risen Lord Jesus!

It matters not where we are in our journey through life, the Lord Jesus is ready to nourish us with His Word and His presence. He wants to walk the road of life with each of us too!

AMEN

With kind thoughts,
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