



LUKE 24:13-35

◆ *Lectio Coram Deo Example* ◆

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13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. **16** But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17** And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. **18** Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” **19** And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20** and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. **21** But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. **22** Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, **23** and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. **24** Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” **25** And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” **27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, **29** but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. **32** They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” **33** And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, **34** saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” **35** Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

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ETERNAL THOUGHTS

Story Theme & Tone | Jesus, on the day of His resurrection, takes the time for a 7-mile walk with 2 disciples. And these are not disciples we are familiar with as they are not among the 12. These disciples are walking away from their community, yet Jesus doesn't let them leave without Him. He draws them back to their brothers and sisters and to a faith in Him.

God is capable of miracles - as there are several in this passage:

- The disciples cannot recognize Him [**v. 16**]
- Their eyes were suddenly opened & He vanishes immediately. [**v. 31**]
- The risen Lord appeared to the 2 disciples and also to Peter [**v. 34-35**]

v. 15 | God himself, in Jesus, draws near to us.

v. 16 | God can and does, for His good reason & purpose, keep people from seeing Him rightly.

v. 17-19 | Jesus, enters our time and place. He walks with us in this life. He is not distant, or coldly immune to our emotions and our humanity.

v. 19 | The criticism said to Jesus is: how can He be the only one in Jerusalem who doesn't know what has been going on. The irony is - He is actually the only one who does know what has truly gone on.

v. 19-25 | The disciples get a lot right about Jesus:

- He was a man and a prophet.
- He was mighty in deed.
- He was delivered over by Chief Priests & rulers.
- He was crucified and died.
- He is the hope of restoration & redemption.
- After 3-days, there is now stories of a resurrection.

The piece the disciples were missing was faith in the resurrection. Without it, their hope in the restoration & redemption Jesus foretold, was lost. Without the resurrection, Jesus might be a good man and mighty prophet. Yet with it, He is King, Lord, Redeemer.

v. 25-27 | Jesus speaks truth. We can be foolish and slow of heart to believe.

v. 26 | For Christ, for us all, suffering precedes glory.

v. 27 | The Word of God, Scriptures, are all about revealing Christ. [John 5:39](#)

v. 27 | The Old Testament is the “all the Scriptures” referred to here - and they testified of both pieces of the gospel: the death of the Suffering Servant & the resurrection of the Glorious King. Some Old Testament stories & prophecies that reveal the fullness of the gospel are:

Suffering Servant / Death	Glorious King / Resurrection
Genesis 3:15 He would be bruised while crushing the serpent’s head.	Genesis 22 [& Hebrews 11:17-19] In the faith of Abraham, who believed God could raise his son from the dead.
Exodus 12 In the passover as God’s people are delivered through the death of a sacrificial lamb.	Jonah 1:17 In the sign of Jonah, who spent 3 days in the belly of the whale.
Leviticus 16:14-16 In the law that instructs us that atonement can only be made through sacrificial blood.	Daniel 7:13-14 The prophecy of the Son of Man rising on the clouds of heaven and coming in glory.
Numbers 21:4-9 When the community of God is healed by gazing upon the bronze serpent lifted up.	Psalm 16 The holy one is not abandoned to the grave by joyfully enters the presence of God.
Isaiah 53 He would be wounded for our iniquities & pierced for our transgressions.	In the redemption of Ruth by Boaz
Jeremiah 20:7-10 He would be mocked and abused.	
Zechariah 3:9 He will make atonement for all people in a single day.	
Psalm 22 He would die a God-forsaken death - a dry and thirsty death - surrounded by enemies.	

v. 28-29 | Jesus wants us to invite Him in. He doesn’t force Himself in.

v. 32 | The Word has the power of life. It can make our hearts burn within us (it rings as deeply true, it resonates, it excites) when rightly understood. It is rightly understood when we see Jesus in all of it.

INTERNAL THOUGHTS

The miracles mentioned above - do I believe them to be true? Real miracles, not just moral stories or illusions?

v. 13-24 | The disciples display the importance and value of discussion amongst community. But they also demonstrate the worthlessness, or hopelessness of discussion without Christ as its theme, or foundation.

v. 18 | Do I sometimes respond to Christ, or God, with “Do you have any clue what’s going on here?”

v. 25 | Am I foolish to what is going on around me - what is *really* going on?

v. 25-27 | Am I slow to believe and understand what the OT writers have given us? Do I know the OT well enough to engage in a dialogue like this?

v. 26 | Am I willing to follow Christ on the path of “suffering precedes glory”? Or do I try to shortcut out of suffering for my own glory or comfort?

v. 29 | Do I ask Jesus to stay longer in my presence? Do I invite Him into my places? Beg him not to go on?

v. 30-31 | Do I view, think about, or engage communion (Lord’s supper or Mass) differently based on this story and how it was when Jesus broke the bread and gave it to them - that is when they saw Him.

v. 32 | Can I point to a time in my journey with God that His Word has burned within my heart? Why and how can I return to that?

v. 33-35 | When we are overwhelmed with joy and the marvelousness work of the Lord - do we reflexively run to our Church community to share?

EXTERNAL THOUGHTS

v. 17 & 19 | Jesus engages the conversation around Him by asking questions. He doesn't impose Himself, or barge into the conversation. He invites their thoughts first. He listens first.

v. 28-30 | The value of hospitality. Of opening our homes in the evenings to discuss the day and the work of God. There is something about community, hospitality and sharing meals that creates relationship and allows us to enter into each other's stories.

v. 33-35 | Do I have a community that I would run to with the joy of the Lord? Do I have a brotherhood & sisterhood that is united around Jesus and values His truth more than our own?