

# The Road to Emmaus

## Would We Recognize Jesus if He Were in Our Midst?

Luke 24:13-35

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There is a somewhat unusual story toward the close of Luke's Gospel. It relates an encounter two men have with Jesus on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. What makes the account particularly curious is that the two men talk with Jesus for a good while before they realize who He is. I believe we might learn some lessons if we take a walk along the road with Cleopas and his friend.

### On the Road and Beyond—A Review of the Story (Lk. 24:13-35)

- It is the third day after Jesus' death—the day of His Resurrection
- Jesus joins the two men as they travel from Jerusalem to Emmaus.
- The men have many troubling things on their minds
- They do not recognize that it is Jesus who walks with them
- A very enlightening, empowering, and engaging conversation ensues
- Only when Jesus breaks bread with them do they realize His identity
- Later, they learn that others had also seen the risen Lord

### Applications

- We are susceptible to allowing cares and other concerns to blind us to Jesus (Lk. 8:14)
- Perhaps we have not come to readily recognize His voice (Jn. 10:3-5, 16, 27)
- There is (k)nowing and (K)nowing (Jn. 7:28/Jn. 8:19; 14:7-9; 17:3)
- The "AH HA" moments of our walk signal progress (Jn. 6:68-69; Matt. 16:13-16)
- Lasting benefits accompany our familiarity with Jesus (Jn. 14:15, 21-23; II Cor. 3:18; Eph. 3:16-17)

We are walking on the road of life; Jesus wants to walk with us. Do we recognize His voice? Are we allowing other things to drown it out? How well do we really know Him? Have we frequently experienced burning hearts in our walk with Jesus? Are we going forward with Jesus or are we losing ground? There can be no greater satisfaction than to have Jesus accompany us as a trusted, well-known friend whose love and enlightenment thrill our hearts. He awaits us in His word to walk with us in our hearts!

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