

The Road to Emmaus

“After The Resurrection”



“He said to them, ‘How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

Luke 24:25-27

“As we were walking down the road to Emmaus, we were not very observant of anything going on around us. We were sad, and yet, we had faith that something was going to happen to make all of this action and reaction turn around. We were in a state of disbelief. Just a little over a week ago, we had watched with pride as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey and people were throwing palms before him and shouting ‘*Hosanna in the highest, Savior, and King.*’ We were finally

seeing the King we had been told about so many years ago. Jesus was the one who would save the Jews and we would no longer be ruled by the Romans and robbed of our earnings. Now we discussed how we were so confused and in despair.

“Suddenly we were aware of a person being beside us. We didn’t hear him coming, or even see him until he was right beside us. If we had listened to Jesus when he was alive we would have remembered that he said he would rise again and be with us. But we couldn’t even remember that now. We were heart-broken. We thought we had faith. We heard the tomb was empty, but we didn’t know where Jesus was. And then, to top it off, this stranger walking with us seemed to know nothing about what we were talking about. He asked us ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ We were dumb founded. Everyone knew what had happened. It was the talk of the town. We asked ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ He asked ‘What things?’ We started talking and telling this stranger all our fears and anxieties. We told him that Jesus of Nazareth who we thought would be the king had been crucified by the chief priests and rulers.

“We knew him as a man who was a prophet and king to us while he was alive on the earth and now he was gone. We told him that some women had gone to the tomb and found he was not there. They said they had a vision from an angel who said that he was alive.

Many of us have at times walked the Emmaus road, wondering where God is...

*when all along
He walks beside us.*

RANDY ALCORN

We couldn’t find him. Was he really alive or was that just wishful thinking on the part of the women.

“The stranger said to us ‘*O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?*’ That didn’t make any sense to us. What was he saying? If he knew something why didn’t he tell us in language we could understand? But we recognized how well he knew the Scriptures.

“We walked and talked with him the rest of the way to Emmaus. Since it was getting late we asked him to stay with us. He accepted the invitation graciously. Then as we were sitting at dinner something really wonderful happened. The stranger said little, but he took some bread and broke it and gave it to us. Immediately our eyes were opened and we realized we had been walking and talking with our Lord. Then just as suddenly as he had appeared to us while we were walking so he immediately vanished.

“We got ready and headed back the seven miles to Jerusalem to tell the others what we had experienced, but the trip seemed so much shorter this time! When we got there, we found the other believers and we wanted to tell them our story. But they wanted to go first. They told us that Christ had risen and had appeared to Peter. Then we told them what had happened on the road and how he broke the bread as a way of telling us who he really was.

“The road to Emmaus was special in many ways. At that time the walk was a very special walk that ended in joy, excitement, love, and true belief and devotion.

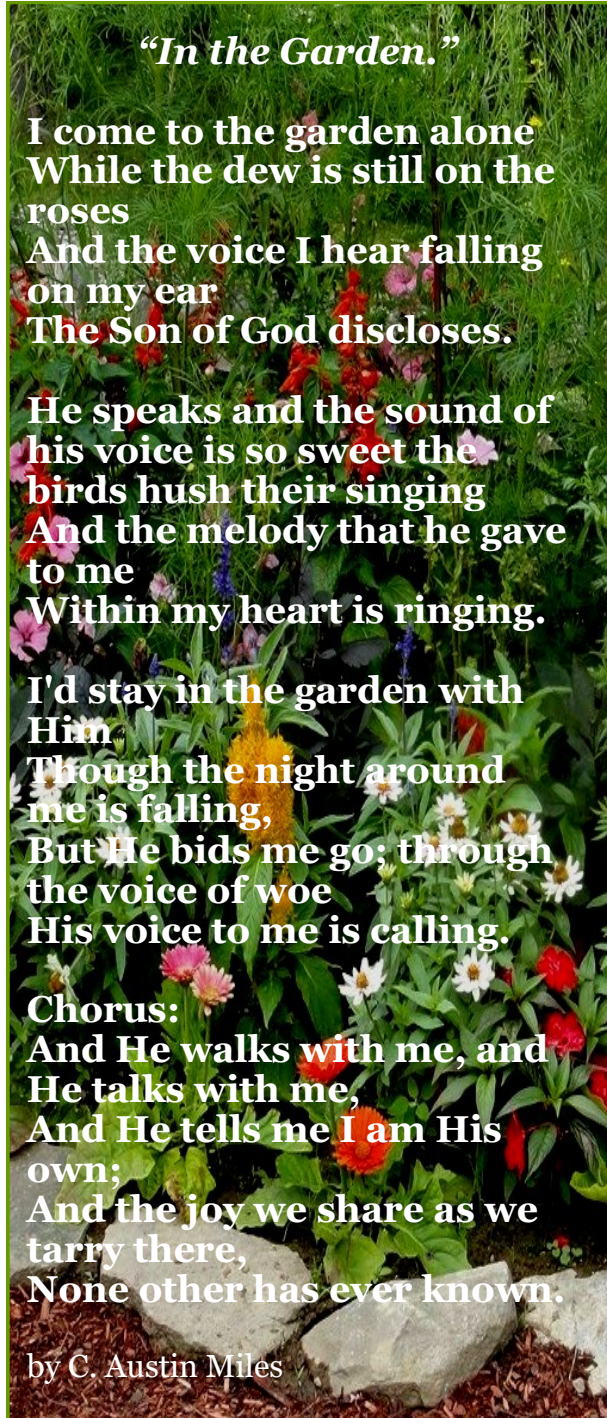
“We realized that only through God’s grace being revealed to each of us in our own way would we be able to accept the wonderful miracles that happened during this visit of God to earth.

“Each of us has a special time when we realize that Jesus is really all he said he was. Now we know we will never walk alone again and we will always know when we really accepted Jesus as our personal Savior”

“I was baptized alongside my mother when I was 8 years old. Since then, I have tried to walk a Christian life. And now that I’m getting older, I realized that I’m walking even closer with my God.”

Andy Griffith

Probably one of the best known songs about walking with Christ is “In the Garden”



Prayer: Lord, as You appeared to the men on the road to Emmaus, please make me aware of Your wonderful love and help me to shout for joy and tell others of that wonderful time when You appeared to me as my Lord and Savior. Amen

Some of the questions that may have been asked by the men on the road to Emmaus according to Luke 24 are still asked by us today.

1. How can we believe when there's so much suffering?
2. Why doesn't Jesus show up here and now”?
3. Why is the truth so difficult to understand at times?
4. Why did Christ have to suffer on a cross and die?
5. Where is He now?
6. He said He would return. Where is He? When?

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