## The Road to Emmaus

"Unknown by Name"



"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

Note: This is written in first person. We do know one man was named Cleopas according to Luke but that is all we know, and we don't know the name of the second man.

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 Jesus 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 walking 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. 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. We had a special privilege and we know we will never walk alone again and we will always know when we really accepted Jesus as our personal Savior."



"When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do;
Where He sends, we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey."

From "Trust and Obey" by J. H. Sammis

Those Who Walk With God,
Always Reach
Their Destination.

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

- 1. Why don't we know the names of the two men on the road that day? Does it matter?
- 2. Have you walked on a road with Jesus?
- 3. Why do you think Jesus didn't reveal who he was to them at the beginning?
- 4. There is a song called "I walked today where Jesus Walked." Can we really walk the same road? Is it a physical road or a Spiritual road?
- 5. Can we walk with God as we would walk with a friend?

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