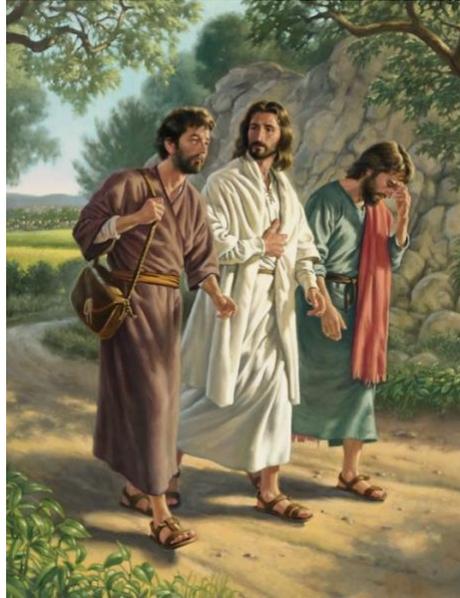


# Sun-Rise Service 2020

LUKE 24:13-35 7 Miles With Jesus



**It's Sunday afternoon, 2 men are walking home from Jerusalem**

- Their Lord had been crucified
- It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after Jesus' crucifixion and He hadn't arisen
- Might as well go home!
- We waited and it didn't happen

**13** Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was **seven miles from Jerusalem**.

**14** And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

**15** So it was, while **they conversed and reasoned**, (an open argument, "2 Jews – 2 arguments")

that **Jesus Himself** drew near and went with them.

**16** But their eyes were **restrained**, so that they did not know Him.

**Restrained:**

- 13.34 **κρατέω**; **kratéō**: to cause a state to continue, on the basis of some authority or power—'to hold, to keep, to cause to continue.' 1
- **To take hold of, grasp, hold fast**, followed by the gen. of person meaning to have power over, rule over. 2
  - To have power over, to control others

<sup>1</sup> Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains* (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996), 152.

<sup>2</sup> Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

- God was supernaturally restraining their eyes from seeing Jesus for who He really is.

**17** And He said to them, **“What kind of conversation (argument) is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”**

- (ἀντιβάλλετε). Lit., throw back and forth; exchange.
  - “Discussed a doubt and tossed it to and fro” (Tennyson).<sup>3</sup>

**18** Then the one whose name was **Cleopas** answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?”

- Apparently Cleopas' wife was at the cross with the Marys and John.

**John 19:25–26**

**25** Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, **Mary the wife of Cleopas**, and Mary Magdalene.

**26** When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!”

**Cleopas**—(in the spelling of this word h is inserted by mistake from Latin MSS.), rather Cleopas, which is the Greek form of the word, while Clopas is the Aramaic form. In John 19:25 the Authorized Version reads, “Mary, the wife of Clopas.” The word “wife” is conjecturally inserted here. If “wife” is rightly inserted, then Mary was the mother of James the Less, and Clopas is the same as Alphaeus (Matt. 10:3; 27:56).<sup>4</sup>

- The whole of the argument means that, after His appearance to Mary Magdalene in the garden early in the morning, Jesus next appeared (not counting a private, unrecorded appearance to Peter) to a man and his wife, Cleopas and Mary, and this before He appeared to any of the so-called “regular” disciples.

**19** And He said to them, **“What things?”**  
(Jesus' humor?)

So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

**20** and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

**21** **But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 1 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887), 434.

<sup>4</sup> M. G. Easton, *Easton's Bible Dictionary* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1893).

Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

- **Lost Hope**

**Proverbs 13:12** Hope that is deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

- **The Good News Translation renders the verse like this:**  
**“When hope is crushed, the heart is crushed.”**

**Psalm 39:7** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? **My hope is for you.**

- You see, they didn't believe, by faith, that Jesus had risen from the dead

**Luke 24:10–11**

**10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, **Mary the mother of James**, and the other women with them, **who told these things to the apostles.**

**11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.**

- **Cleopas didn't believe his wife**

- He didn't accept that which she said she saw with her own eyes!
- He didn't believe Jesus' mother
- He didn't believe even Peter and John!

**22** Yes, and **certain women** of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

**23** When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

**24** And certain of those who were with us (Peter & John) went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said;

**but Him they did not see.”**

**25** Then He said to them, **“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!**

**26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”**

- **Jesus continues to teach them by the OT Scriptures for 7 miles!**
  - **Isaiah 52-53 – “The Suffering Servant”**

**27** And **beginning at Moses and all the Prophets,**

**He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the concerning Himself.**

- All the Scriptures speak of Jesus
  - The “Scarlet Thread” of Scripture woven throughout the WORD.  
**Hebrews 10:7**  
7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—  
**In the volume of the book it is written of Me—**  
To do Your will, O God.’ ”
  - **In the entire VOLUME of the Scriptures – it is written of Me.**
- Jesus didn’t take this opportunity to tell them all the most recent jokes He had heard in Heaven.
- Jesus didn’t take up their time preaching puppy dogs, rainbows and flowers.
- Jesus didn’t waste their time with some socio-political diatribe about how the Roman Government fits into the End Times scenario.
- Jesus preached Jesus – the Gospel – apparently found in every page of the Old Testament
  - Every Law of Moses
  - Every Prophecy of the Masters
  - All wisdom leads to Jesus!
    - You would think that based upon the kinds of sermons unloaded on the dull minds of today that the entire Bible is about having YOUR

**28** Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and Jesus indicated that He would have gone farther.

**29** But they **constrained Him**, saying,

“Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and **the day is far spent.**”

And He went in to stay with them.

- Jesus hadn’t apparently planned to stay with them at this house.

**30** Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them,

that **He took bread, blessed and broke it,**

and gave it to them.

- That’s weird, **Chuck Missler** says, because that was the job of the Host, the owner of the house.
- Jesus prayed:

**Luke 11:1** Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

**31** Then **their eyes were opened** and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

- What was it that brought about their instant recognition?
- Scars upon His wrists!

**John 20:27–29**

**27** Then He said to Thomas,

**"Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."**

**28** And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

**29** Jesus said to him,

"Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**Revelation 5:6–7**

**6** And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb as though it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

**7** Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

- **JESUS opened their eyes!**
  - How is it they didn't recognize Him for 7 miles of walking and talking from Emmaus?
  - How is it that Mary didn't recognize Him in the Garden?

**32** And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

**33** So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

- **Back the 7 miles to Emmaus**
- Back to the Upper Room to meet with the other Disciples
  - Possibly 120 Disciples there? (Acts 1:15)

**34** saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

**35** And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

- In the manner in which Jesus broke the bread?
- Not likely though

What has happened to their HOPE?

**Luke 24:21** **But we were hoping that it was He** who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

**1 Corinthians 15:3–8**

**3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

**4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

**5** and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

**6** **After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once,** of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

**7** After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

**8** Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.