

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (2)**  
**The Road to Emmaus**  
**Luke 24:13-35**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. There was a period of about 40 days before the ascension of Jesus.
- B. During this time, Jesus “appeared” to many individuals.
  - 1. The women and Mary Magdalene.
  - 2. Men on the way to Emmaus.
  - 3. Peter.
  - 4. The Apostles on several occasions.
  - 5. To James, 1 Cor. 15.
  - 6. To more than 500 at one time, 1 Cor. 15.

**I. STUBBORNNESS IN BELIEF.**

- A. The Journey to Emmaus.
  - 1. Cleopas and a companion.
    - a. A journey of about 7 miles east/se of Jerusalem.
      - i. Arabic for bath.
      - ii. Perhaps a location of medicinal springs.
    - b. Traveling to Emmaus after Passover.
    - c. Between 4 and 6 in the evening.
    - d. Discussing the events of the week.
  - 2. Jesus joins them, but His identity is hidden.
    - a. Same as with Mary Magdalene, Jn. 20:15.
    - b. Perhaps preoccupied with sorrow, Lk. 24:17.
  - 3. Shocked at lack of knowledge of events.
  - 4. Begins telling of Jesus and His death.
    - a. Tells of the empty tomb.
    - b. Witnessed by women and companions.
    - c. Vs. 21, “*we were hoping [hoped]...*” – past tense.
- B. Jesus Reprimands for Lack of Faith.
  - 1. “How foolish and slow of heart...” vss. 25-26.
  - 2. Begins teaching from Moses and Prophets.
    - a. Promise to Eve, Gen. 3:15.
    - b. Promise to Abraham, Gen. 22:18.
    - c. Passover lamb, Exodus 12.
    - d. Greater Prophet, Deut. 18:15.
    - e. Immanuel, Isa. 7:14.
    - f. Bore our griefs, Isa. 53:4-5.
    - g. Pierced victim, Zech. 12:10.
- C. Our Own Lack of Faith.
  - 1. Convinced I would have believed.
  - 2. Convinced I would never have had a doubt.
  - 3. Too quick to condemn for faithlessness!
    - a. If we believed, would we not live our lives differently at times?

- b. Is our life showing our faith in the resurrected Christ?
- c. Are we turning to Scripture for our answers each day?

## **II. JESUS REVEALED TO THE MEN.**

- A. Arrival at Emmaus.
  - 1. Jesus acts as if to go farther.
  - 2. Invited to stay with them the evening.
- B. Breaking Bread.
  - 1. Sat down to break bread with them.
  - 2. As was His custom, gave thanks.
  - 3. Eyes were opened and recognized Jesus.
    - a. Jesus vanishes from their sight.
    - b. Angry at selves for attitude while discussing Scriptures.
  - 4. Immediately returned to Jerusalem.
    - a. Found the Eleven.
    - b. Told of recognizing Jesus.
    - c. They did not believe, Mark 16:12-13.
- C. Our Own Need for Opening of Eyes.
  - 1. How many times have heard how difficult Scripture is to understand [*slow of heart*]?
  - 2. Reason for lack of understanding?
    - a. Already decided what the answer is.
    - b. Not wanting to know truth, because truth will change our lives, 2 Tim. 4:3-4.
    - c. 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12
    - d. 2 Peter 3:16, 18 – grow in ... knowledge.
  - 3. Offer prayer for opening our mind and heart to the truths of God's Word.
  - 4. John 8:31-32 – abide is to know and obey...