

# HOPE RESTORED

## ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN JESUS

It is amazing the difference a week can make. Only seven days before, Jesus had rode in to the city on a donkey, with crowds waving palm branches, and shouts of “HOSANNA” filling the air. This was surely the time when Messiah was being revealed and liberation would come. Yet now he was dead, brutally crucified at the request of the Jewish religious leadership, and hope had died too. Disappointment. Confusion. An inability to understand. As two of Jesus followers walked the seven mile journey home from Jerusalem, they thought that Jesus’s time was over.

### Luke 24:13-24

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

**READ Luke 24:13-16.** Mark “they” with a   when referring to the two travellers, and mark “Jesus/ he” with a  

“That very day” was the first day of the week after the death and burial of Jesus. (See Luke 24:1)

*V14-15 What do you learn about the 2 travellers?*

*What are they talking about?*

*V15 What do we learn about Jesus?*

**To draw near - be at hand, come near, approach**  
**Went with them - to journey together**

*V16 Why did they not recognise him?*

**Kept - held back, to restrain**

**It is a great comfort to note that Jesus, just risen, spent his time walking seven miles with two confused and disappointed followers.**

**READ Luke 24:17-24.** Mark as above.

*V18, 22-24 What do you learn about their identity?*

*V17 How does Jesus engage in conversation?*

*V19-24 What information did they already have?*

*V24 What was the one stumbling block?*

**These two travellers knew so much already. Why do you think they were still so sad and confused?**

### Luke 24:25-27

<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

### Luke 24: 28-35

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### John 6:5-12

<sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little."

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**READ Luke 24:25-27. Mark words as before.**

*V25 How does Jesus address the two travellers?*

*How does he open up their understanding?*

*V26 What is he teaching them was necessary?*

*As you reflect on this conversation, what Scriptures do you think Jesus would have opened up to them?*

*V30 What did Jesus do with the bread?  
Note 4 actions.*

*V31, 35 How did this impact them? What was key to them recognising him?*

*V32 How had they felt as he taught them on the way?*

*If they had recognised Him initially when he joined them what would they have missed?*

*V33-35 What is their response to this encounter?*

*Jesus was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread. Why was this so? Was it that they saw the nail scars in his hands as he handed them the broken pieces or had they come to a deeper understanding?*

*The four actions (taking, blessings, breaking and giving) occur in other places in the life of Jesus. What can they teach us?*

**READ John 6:5-12 (the feeding of the 5000).**

*What was the question Jesus posed to Philip?*

*What was Philip's assessment of the need?*

*Would his plan have satisfied the hunger of the crowd?*

### John 6:5-12 (cont.)

<sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments that nothing may be lost."

### Mark 8:17-21

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup> "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

### Luke 22:19

<sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

### John 6:35a

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall never hunger..."

*Reflect on the story of the 2 travellers. What lessons can you learn when you are feeling disappointed, confused about your journey and have lost hope?*

*What resources did they have?*

*V11 Note each action Jesus took with the loaves?*

*V12 How much did the crowd get to eat?*

**Jesus repeats this miracle with 4000 men and seven loaves and once again they are satisfied. (Mark 8:1-10). After this the disciples are in a boat with Jesus and concerned they have only one loaf with them. Let's listen to Jesus teach them.**

*V18 What had the disciples already seen and heard? What does Jesus want them to remember?*

*V19-20 What is the key focus of Jesus's questions here?*

*V21 What did the disciples not yet understand?*

**The next time we see Jesus take bread, bless it, break it and give it is in the upper room as he celebrates the Passover.**

**READ Luke 22:19.**

*What does Jesus do with the bread?*

*How does he describe it?*

*Why is it being broken?*

*What is he asking them to do?*

**READ John 6:35a.**

*How does Jesus describe himself?*

*How do all these passages fit together to reveal the mission of Jesus and how it was accomplished?*

*What may the two on the way of Emmaus have come to understand as Jesus broke the bread?*

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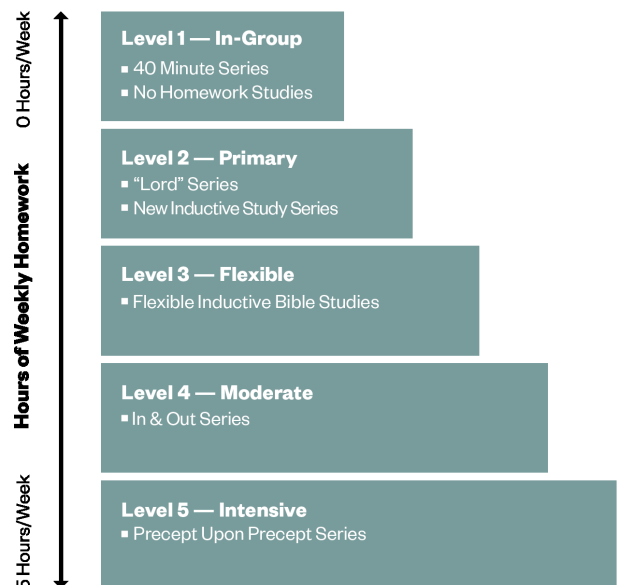
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