

## MESSAGE SUMMARY

On Resurrection Sunday, you celebrate that Jesus is alive but like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, you can still miss what that truly means for your life. They were walking away from Jerusalem discouraged and confused, even though the resurrection had already happened. Jesus came near to them, explained the Scriptures, and revealed that His suffering and resurrection were always part of God's plan. This shows you that the resurrection is not just an event to believe in, but a reality that changes how you see everything. Because Jesus is risen, He meets you where you are, opens your eyes to truth, and leads you into a restored and transformed life.

## MAIN POINTS

- 1. Jesus meets you where you are - Presence** (Luke 24:13–18; Psalm 23:4). Jesus meets you in the middle of your confusion and disappointment. The disciples were walking away from hope, yet Jesus pursued them. You may feel distant from God, but He is closer than you think. God often does His deepest work in the “middle” seasons of life.
- 2. Jesus changes how you see - Truth** (Luke 24:25–27; John 16:13–14). Your biggest problem may not be your situation, but your interpretation. Jesus uses Scripture to correct wrong expectations. Truth anchors you when feelings and circumstances are crazy. All of Scripture points to Jesus (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 53; Psalm 22).
- 3. Jesus restores your relationships - Relationship** (Luke 24:28–30; Revelation 3:20). Christianity is about God coming to you, not you reaching Him. Jesus invites you into personal relationship, not just religious activity. You can know about Jesus and still not truly know Him. When you invite Jesus in, everything changes.
- 4. Response: When Jesus Shows Up (Luke 24:31–35).** *Your eyes open (v.31)* - God reveals truth to you personally. *Your heart burns (v.32)* - Truth moves from your head to your heart. *Your feet move (v.33)* - Your life changes direction and you live on mission.

**Big Idea:** Jesus will meet you where you are, change how you see, and restore your relationships.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why didn't the disciples recognize Jesus at first? (Luke 24:16)** *Possible Answer:* God allowed their eyes to be kept from recognizing Him so He could reveal truth through Scripture first, showing that understanding comes from God, not just sight.
- 2. How does Jesus use Scripture to change our understanding of life? (Luke 24:25–27; John 16:13)** *Possible Answer:* Jesus shows that all Scripture points to Him, and through the Holy Spirit, God helps you understand truth so you can see your life correctly.
- 3. Where in your life do you feel confused or disappointed right now?** *Possible Answer:* You may feel like God hasn't answered a prayer or met expectations, but this passage reminds you that Jesus is still walking with you even in uncertainty (Psalm 23:4).

## GOSPEL CONNECTION

The resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel and the turning point of your life. Jesus didn't just die for your sin; He rose again in victory over sin, death, and the grave (1 Corinthians 15:3–4). On the road to Emmaus, the risen Christ pursued discouraged followers, revealed Himself through Scripture, and proved that God's plan was fulfilled through His death and resurrection. This means your greatest problem, sin and separation from God has been fully dealt with through Jesus.

If you are not a believer yet: the resurrection is your invitation to new life. Ask Jesus for forgiveness for your sins and place your faith in the risen Jesus, who is alive today and able to save you (Romans 10:9; Acts 3:19). You are not too far; He is already near and calling you to Himself. If you are a believer: Live in the power of the resurrection. Let Jesus open your eyes again, reignite your heart, and redirect your life. Don't settle for knowing about the resurrection; walk daily with the risen Christ who is present, powerful, and still transforming lives (Philippians 3:10).

**Because Jesus is alive, your eyes can open, your heart can burn, and your life can move in a new direction. Don't stop three feet short.**

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### Monday – Jesus Meets You Where You Are

**Key Verse:** “Jesus himself drew near and went with them.” (Luke 24:15)

**Reflection:** You don’t have to have everything figured out for Jesus to meet you. The disciples were confused, discouraged, and walking in the wrong direction; yet Jesus still came near. This reminds you that God meets you in the middle of your mess, not after you clean it up.

**Application Question:** Where in your heart and life do you feel like you are “walking away” from hope?

**Possible Answer:** You may feel distant from God in a difficult season, but you can trust that Jesus is still walking with you even when you don’t feel it (Psalm 23:4).

**Prayer Response:** Lord God, thank You for meeting me right where I am. Help me trust that You are near even when I feel confused or discouraged. Open my heart to recognize Your presence in my daily life, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

### Tuesday – Don’t Miss Jesus When He Is Near

**Key Verse:** “But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:16)

**Reflection:** It is possible to be close to Jesus and still not recognize Him. The disciples were talking about Him while walking with Him, yet they missed Him. You can be around church, Scripture, and spiritual conversations and still miss a real encounter with Jesus, sense His presence and/or see Him working in your heart and life.

**Application Question:** What might be distracting you from recognizing Jesus in your life?

**Possible Answer:** Busyness, disappointment, or wrong expectations can keep you from seeing what God is doing right in front of you...in your heart and life (Jeremiah 29:13).

**Prayer Response:** Lord, forgive me for the times I have missed You. Open my eyes to see You clearly in my circumstances. Help me seek You with my whole heart, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

### Wednesday – Jesus Changes How You See

**Key Verse:** “He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27)

**Reflection:** Jesus didn’t immediately reveal Himself; He first revealed truth. Sometimes your situation doesn’t change right away, but your understanding does. When you see your heart and life through God’s Word, everything begins to make sense.

**Application Question:** How can you allow God’s Word to shape your perspective this week?

**Possible Answer:** You can spend daily time in Scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your understanding, trusting His truth over your feelings (John 16:13).

**Prayer Response:** God, thank You for Your Word. Teach me to see my heart and life through Your truth and not my emotions. Help me trust what You say even when life feels uncertain, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

### Thursday – Jesus Invites You into Relationship

**Key Verse:** “Stay with us... So, he went in to stay with them.” (Luke 24:29)

**Reflection:** Jesus does not force His way into your life; He invites you to invite Him in. The disciples had walked with Him, but everything changed when they asked Him to stay. You can know about Jesus, but what He wants is a real, personal relationship with you.

**Application Question:** Have you truly invited Jesus into every area of your life?

**Possible Answer:** You may believe in Him, but today is an opportunity to surrender more fully and intentionally welcome Him into your daily decisions (Revelation 3:20).

**Prayer Response:** Jesus, I invite You into every part of my life. Not just my thoughts, but my choices, relationships, and future. Stay with me and lead me, in Your Holy Name, Amen.

### Friday – When Jesus Shows Up, Everything Changes

**Key Verse:** “Did not our hearts burn within us... while he opened to us the Scriptures?” (Luke 24:32)

**Reflection:** When Jesus reveals Himself, your life cannot stay the same. The disciples’ eyes were opened, their hearts were stirred, and their direction completely changed. A real encounter with Jesus leads to real transformation. This is His desire!

**Application Question:** What is one way your heart needs to change in response to Jesus?

**Possible Answer:** You may need to turn back to God, share your faith, be kind or gentle with someone, forgive/ask for forgiveness, or take a step of obedience you’ve been avoiding (James 1:22).

**Prayer Response:** Lord, don’t let me stay the same. Open my eyes, ignite my heart, and move my life in Your direction. Help me respond to You with action, not just words, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.