



Lesson 71 – The Walk to Emmaus

Based on Luke 24:13-33.

1) What happened later in the day that Jesus rose from the tomb?

Luke 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called _____, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

These disciples had had no prominent place in Christ's work, but they were earnest believers in Him. They had come to the city to keep the Passover and were greatly perplexed by the events that had recently taken place. They had heard the news of the morning in regard to the removal of Christ's body from the tomb, and also the report of the women who had seen the angels and had met Jesus. They were now returning to their homes to meditate and pray.

2) What were they discussing?

Luke 24:14 And they talked together of all these things which had _____.

Sadly, they pursued their evening walk, talking over the scenes of the trial and the crucifixion. Never before had they been so utterly disheartened. Hopeless and faithless, they were walking in the shadow of the cross.

3) Who talked with them?

Luke 24:15-16 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, _____ himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not _____ him.

They continued their conversation, expressing the thoughts of their hearts. They were reasoning in regard to the lessons that Christ had given, which they seemed unable to comprehend. As they talked of the events that had taken place, Jesus longed to comfort them. He had seen their grief; He understood the conflicting, perplexing ideas that brought to their minds the thought, can this Man, who suffered Himself to be so humiliated, be the Christ? Their grief could not be restrained, and they wept. Jesus knew that their hearts were bound up with Him in love, and He longed to wipe away their tears, and fill them with joy and gladness.

4) What did Jesus ask them?

Luke 24:17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are _____?

5) What was their reply?

Luke 24:18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not _____ the things which are come to _____ there in these days?

6) What was their hope?

Luke 24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have _____ Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

7) What complicated their distress?

Luke 24:22-24 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us _____, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his _____, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was _____. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.



8) What warning had been given about Jesus?

Matthew 27:62-63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will _____ . Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and _____ him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

Strange that the disciples did not remember Christ's words and realize that He had foretold the events which had come to pass! They did not realize that the last part of His disclosure would be just as verily fulfilled as the first part, that the third day He would rise again. This was the part they should have remembered. The priests and rulers did not forget this.

9) What did Jesus say to these believers?

Luke 24:25-26 Then he said unto them, O fools, and _____ of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have _____ these things, and to enter into his glory?

10) Jesus then went into a Bible Study, what did He cover?

Luke 24:27 And beginning at _____ and all the _____, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

The disciples wondered who this stranger could be, that He should penetrate to their very souls, and speak with such earnestness, tenderness, and sympathy, and with such hopefulness. For the first time since Christ's betrayal, they began to feel hopeful. Often, they looked earnestly at their companion and thought that His words were just the words that Christ would have spoken. They were filled with amazement, and their hearts began to throb with joyful expectation.

Christ performed no miracle to convince them, but it was His first work to explain the Scriptures. They had looked upon His death as the destruction of all their hopes. Now He showed from the prophets that this was the very strongest evidence for their faith.

11) How important is it to believe ALL Scripture?

Luke 16:31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one _____ from the dead.

It is the voice of Christ that speaks through patriarchs and prophets, from the days of Adam even to the closing scenes of time. The Saviour is revealed in the Old Testament as clearly as in the New. It is the light from the prophetic past that brings out the life of Christ and the teachings of the New Testament with clearness and beauty. The miracles of Christ are a proof of His divinity; but a stronger proof that He is the world's Redeemer is found in comparing the prophecies of the Old Testament with the history of the New.

Christ must die, as every transgressor of the law must die if he continues in sin. All this was to be, but it was not to end in defeat, but in glorious, eternal victory. Jesus told them that every effort must be made to save the world from sin. His followers must live as He lived, and work as He worked, with intense, persevering effort.

12) What Words could only Jesus say?

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, _____ power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.



Little did they yet suspect who their traveling companion was. They did not think that the subject of their conversation was walking by their side; for Christ referred to Himself as though He were another person. They thought that He was one of those who had been in attendance at the great feast, and who was now returning to his home. He walked as carefully as they over the rough stones, now and then halting with them for a little rest. Thus, they proceeded along the mountainous road, while the One who was soon to take His position at God's right hand walked beside them.

13) What happened next?

Luke 24:28-29 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone _____ . But they constrained him, saying, _____ with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

During the journey the sun had gone down, and before the travelers reached their place of rest, the laborers in the fields had left their work. As the disciples were about to enter their home, the stranger appeared as though He would continue His journey. But the disciples felt drawn to Him. Their souls hungered to hear more from Him and Jesus stayed with them.

14) What did Jesus do inside?

Luke 24:30-31 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and _____ it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were _____ , and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

The simple evening meal of bread is soon prepared. It is placed before the guest, who has taken His seat at the head of the table. Now He puts forth His hands to bless the food. The disciples start back in astonishment. Their companion spreads forth His hands in exactly the same way as their Master used to do. They look again, and lo, they see in His hands the print of nails. Both exclaim at once; It is the Lord Jesus! He has risen from the dead!

15) What did they say to one another?

Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart _____ within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Had the disciples failed to press their invitation, they would not have known that their traveling companion was the risen Lord. Christ never forces His company upon anyone. He interests Himself in those who need Him. Gladly will He enter the humblest home and cheer the lowliest heart. But if men are too indifferent to think of the heavenly Guest, or ask Him to abide with them, He passes on. Thus, many meet with great loss.

16) What did they do?

Luke 24:33-34 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to _____ , and found the _____ gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.



But with this great news to communicate they cannot sit and talk. Their weariness and hunger are gone. They leave their meal untouched, and full of joy immediately set out again on the same path by which they came, hurrying to tell the tidings to the disciples in the city. In some parts the road is not safe, but they climb over the steep places, slipping on the smooth rocks. They do not see, they do not know, that they have the protection of Him who has traveled the road with them. With their pilgrim staff in hand, they press on, desiring to go faster than they dare. They lose their track but find it again. Sometimes running, sometimes stumbling, they press forward, their unseen Companion close beside them all the way.

The night is dark, but the Sun of Righteousness is shining upon them. Their hearts leap for joy. They seem to be in a new world. Christ is a living Saviour. They no longer mourn over Him as dead. Christ is risen, over and over again they repeat it. This is the message they are carrying to the sorrowing ones. They must tell them the wonderful story of the walk to Emmaus. They must tell who joined them by the way. They carry the greatest message ever given to the world, a message of glad tidings upon which the hopes of the human family for time and for eternity depend.

**Can you see the
need of Scripture?**

**Do you want to see
past the gloom?**

**When is the time to share
Your glad tidings?**