

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But 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 took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

14aPeter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],

36"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke Questions:

- How are you doing in the area of sharing the love of Christ to those around you?
- How have you seen God show up in the past week?
- What is the difference between knowing Jesus and experiencing Jesus?
- When we witness a great thing done because of God, do we allow ourselves to be changed by Christ or do we return to business as usual?
- Are we just talking about Jesus in church or are we being Christ/doing the work of Christ?
- What did it take for Cleopas and his crew to know this was Jesus?
 - Why did they have such a hard time seeing that this was Jesus?
 - What prevents you from seeing Jesus around?
- How do we reveal the presence of Jesus in our midst?
- How did God use you to show up in someone's life this past week?
- If Jesus were to walk a few miles with you today, what would you talk with Him about?

Acts Questions:

- What are you hearing in this text?
- What sticks out?
- Why do you think the other eleven apostles stand up with Peter in Acts 2:14?
- What is the promise that vs 39 mentions, describing?
 - Why is it so important?
- Why does Peter say, "Jesus, whom you crucified"?
- Why did the crowd end up asking, "Brothers, what should we do?"
- What does Peter tell them to do first?
 - From what? What does it mean to do that?
 - What is the goal in this?
 - Is this an easy task?
 - Is what Peter ordered them to do something they were certain would happen?
- How about for us today?
 - While we aren't responsible for Jesus' crucifixion how might we be roadblocks for the kingdom of God?
 - How do we move past this?
- How might these two texts relate to one another?