



Chapter 4: Two on the Road to Emmaus

Get Connected: When has God surprised you or encountered you in an unexpected way?

Scripture: Luke 24:13-21

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

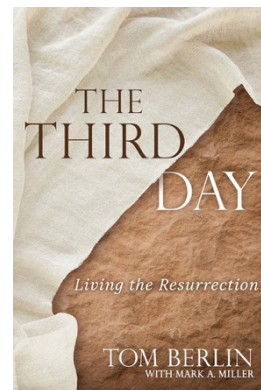
“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

Watch Video: Rev. Joel Winckler, Northwest District Superintendent

Discussion Questions:

1. When have you experienced hope being shattered?
2. When have you experienced an overwhelming sense of the presence of the resurrected Jesus?
3. What keeps you connected to God on a daily basis?



Closing Prayer:

O God, help us to experience burning hearts as we desire to walk with you every day. Show us your truth and show us your power to restore anything when hope seems to be lost. May our lives reflect joy as much as those disciples had when they realized it was you, Jesus, who broke bread with them. Open our eyes to your good presence always with us and in us. Amen.

Suggested Hymns

UMH #309	On the Day of Resurrection
UMH #613	O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread
UMH #310	He Lives
UMH #318	Christ Is Alive

