

### Conclusion:

These discouraged, disappointed men thought that Jesus was dead and gone, when in fact He was the one walking and talking with them as they trudged along that dusty road. He was near to them even though they did not recognize Him at first.

When you are disappointed and discouraged, you may think that the Lord is a million miles away. But if you are one of His flock, even though you are being faithless and do not see Him, He is there with you.

(Rev. 3:16-21)

*"They said to one another, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?'"*

### Extra:

"As American Christians, we are far too individualistic. We come to church for years and sit next to people that we don't even know. We like our anonymity! We make major life decisions, such as changing churches or moving to another part of the country, but we never think to submit our decision to other believers for their counsel or prayer. I have met many Christians who have been hurt by other believers, and so they drop out of church altogether, but insist that they are still following the Lord. But you cannot follow the Lord as He intended unless you do it in fellowship with other believers." Cole

The Bible in 50 words:

God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split. Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled, Bush talked, Moses balked; Pharaoh plagued, people walked. Sea divided, tablets guided, Promise landed. Saul freaked, David peeked, prophets warned, Jesus born. God walked, love talked, anger crucified, hope died. Love rose, Spirit flamed, Word spread, God remained.

**Series:** Biblical Gen. Ed.

**Title:** All of Scripture

**Topic:** Disappointment turned to hope

Up to this point Luke has reported of the empty tomb, the message from 2 men in dazzling robes, and Peter's visit to the tomb. No risen Christ yet revealed in Luke's account.

What we are about to dig into has been called the most interesting appearance of Christ after the resurrection.

"When two saints are talking together, Jesus is very likely to come and make the 3<sup>rd</sup> one in the company. Talk of Him and you will soon talk with Him." Spurgeon

### 1. Luke 24: 13-18 Companionship and a \_\_\_\_\_.

What was the "everything that had happened" since last Sunday?

### 2. Verses 19-24: Conversation reveals \_\_\_\_\_.

It's over, as far as they're concerned, it's gone...all their hopes, all their dreams, all their explanations attached to Jesus have been smashed, dashed, and crushed. And there's nothing to stay in Jerusalem for, the Passover is over. And they head home, gloomy, sad, confused. How could they have been so wrong, how could it turn out like this?

### 3. Verse 25-27: Biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 15:4 reminds us that the Scriptures are what give us hope:

*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

Instead of teaching this lesson \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, He taught this lesson \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.



JM on "all of Scripture":

1. They had a lack of understanding of the Scriptures. They had no place in their theology for the death of Messiah, and therefore they had no place in their theology for a resurrection. This is not because they rejected the Scripture. This is not because they never read the Scripture. This is not because they never went to the synagogue to hear the Scripture taught. This is not because they didn't believe the Scripture. It is simply because they had a \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the Scripture...a partial understanding of the Scripture is not enough.

2. It wasn't that they didn't believe the Scripture. It's that they didn't believe the part of the Scripture they \_\_\_\_\_ know. They needed to know it all. They had selective information. They didn't reject the Word of God, they didn't reject the Scripture. They didn't openly not believe the Scripture, they just didn't believe what they didn't know. The \_\_\_\_\_ problem was they had a selected, limited, partial understanding of Scripture which is so very dangerous.

Rom. 10:17: *So faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself). Amp*

**4. Verse 28-32: \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture (32) burned within them.**

In verse 29, "it is a very strong word that, 'they constrained him'. They not only invited him, but they held him, they grasped his hand, they tugged at his skirts, they said he should not go." (Spurgeon )

**Wrap up:**

In the first part of the account, these two were disappointed with God. They felt let down. In their limited understanding, God had not come through like they had hoped.

Have you ever thought that He would do something, but He didn't do it?

Ever thought that you were trusting in the promises of His Word, but they didn't come true?

Ever thought that you were praying in line with His will, but He didn't answer?

**For us today?**

- 1) We may be disappointed with God because our \_\_\_\_\_ do not match His sovereign purpose.
- 2) We may be disappointed with God because we have foolishly focused on \_\_\_\_\_ of His Word, but not the whole.
- 3) We may be disappointed with God because we are \_\_\_\_\_ to believe His all Word (v. 27).

How are men to live today?

How is God's plan and purpose to be known to fallen, finite men?

How can we know the will of God for our lives?

How can we rightly interpret our circumstances?

If we ask for healing...and He says, "Learn through the pain", we are not happy.

If we ask for more \$...and He says, "treasure the unseen", we are not happy.

- Disappointment is caused by unmet expectations.
- Disappointment is cured by revamped expectations.

What was Christ's answer for the two men? All of Scripture!

What is the answer to our disappointment? The whole Bible!