

²⁶Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Big Idea: Jesus focused the attention on Himself.

Genesis to Revelation, it's about Jesus.

Christophany (Daniel 3:25), Typology (Jonah), and Prophecy (Psalms 16:10)

²⁸And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. ²⁹But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them.

Jesus provokes a decision.

³⁰When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. ³²They 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?" ³³And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus makes Himself known.

Slow of heart to burning hearts: God has redeemed us through sending Jesus to the cross, and His resurrection guarantees us eternal life.

John 11:25
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Easter 2026

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth

Luke 24:13-35, April 5th, 2026

From slow of heart to burning hearts.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Do you have any unique Easter traditions?

Read Aloud: Luke 24:13-35

1. Why did Jesus choose not to reveal himself to the two disciples right away? What state were the disciples in? Why were they disappointed? What did they get wrong about their expectations of Jesus?
2. What is Jesus' response to their slowness of heart? Why is the macro theme of redemption through Jesus important to understand while reading scripture? What Christophany, Typology, or Prophecy sticks out to you in the Old Testament?
3. Why did Jesus give the disciples a chance to invite him to their house? What does it mean that their hurts were burning? How does the progression from slow of heart to burning hearts describe spiritual transformation?
4. Why did Luke let us know that they walked 7 miles to Emmaus and 7 miles back to Jerusalem in one day? What does this tell us about the transformation in Jesus companions that day?