

HIGHER AIM

What You Need To Know

7 Mile Walk | Part 1 | Luke 24:13-53

INTRODUCTION

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In Luke Chapter 24, we see “The Walk to Emmaus,” a lengthy narrative that dovetails with many of the post-resurrection appearances. Jesus not only appeared to the women at the garden tomb, but He later appeared to His disciples. Multiple accounts show Him in bodily form over forty days. Without the resurrection, the cross has no validation. Because Jesus rose again, it validates what He did on the cross. As these two followers walked the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus, they learned critical truths we also need to understand about Jesus.

KEY POINTS

1. Jesus Often Walks with Us, and We Have No Idea Until Later

In difficult times, we may be oblivious to His presence, but when we connect the dots afterward, we see His hand over our lives. You don't have to feel Him for Him to be there; feelings are not the measure of faith. Just as Cleopas and his companion were kept from recognizing Jesus, sometimes God allows us to walk blindly for a season. They weren't even looking for Him. Like Mary at the garden tomb, they didn't expect Him. But Jesus was there. Whether or not we feel Him, the Holy Spirit lives within and empowers us. Never forget that.

2. The Whole Bible Is About Jesus Christ

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus went through the Old Testament and explained in detail who the Messiah was. He reminded them that all Scripture pointed to Him. From Genesis to Revelation, every book speaks of Jesus: the Passover Lamb, the Prince of Peace, the Captain of our Salvation, the Coming King. He is unmoved, unchanged, undefeated, and never undone. Many churches talk about God but rarely mention Jesus, yet He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Stay in love with Jesus, and you will love His church, believe His Word, and passionately share Him with others.

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3. Our Intimacy with Jesus Is by Invitation

As they approached Emmaus, Jesus acted as if He were going farther. They urged Him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening,” and He went in to stay with them. Jesus will not force Himself on us. Like the painting *The Light of the World*, He knocks, but the door has no handle on the outside. He waits for us to open the door. If you really want to know Him, you must invite Him in. Whether you are beginning a relationship with Christ or deepening your walk, do not live with closed doors. Be open to whatever He has for you.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Can you recall a time when you realized later that Jesus had been walking with you through a difficult situation?
2. How does seeing Jesus throughout the whole Bible change the way you approach Scripture?
3. What steps can you take this week to invite Jesus into deeper intimacy in your life?
