

BECAUSE OF EASTER



The Seven Mile Miracle Luke 24:13-35

For forty days after the Resurrection, before He went back into Heaven (**Acts 1**), Christ met with a whole lot of folks, in a whole lot of different circumstances, and did a whole lot of astounding things. Each post-resurrection appearance (the Bible records 12) convinced people that Jesus truly did defeat death, that He was (and is) truly God, and that He truly is the only One who can transform a person's life both for now and forever. So, for the next four Sundays, we're going to focus on the times when Jesus manifested Himself after He rose. Today, we'll see how the Lord came to two totally disillusioned disciples who had altogether given up on Him. They were escaping to Emmaus, a small village seven miles northwest of Jerusalem, because they feared the same people who had taken Jesus were going to come for them as well. The plan was to hide in Emmaus. During their flight, Christ not only met up with them, but He completely restored their faith, re-energized their hope, and fully instilled within them a divine sense of destiny. It was ... **The Seven Mile Miracle**. Truth be told, Jesus wants to take that same kind of miraculous walk with you and me.

THE SETTING ON THAT ROAD

(vv. 13-16)

TALKIN' WITH THE NEW GUY

(vv. 17-24)

GETTIN' PUT STRAIGHT BY JESUS

(vv. 25-27)

THE BIG REVEAL

(vv. 28-31)

THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

(vv. 32-36)

They Were _____ By The _____ Of Jesus

They _____ To The _____ Of Jesus

They _____ The _____ Of Jesus

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor John's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. Among fellow believers, this is one of the most beloved post-resurrection appearance stories of them all. Before diving into a group discussion, have each individual member in your group share what most impacted them personally from the Emmaus Road story.
2. What were these two people thinking and feeling as they trekked to Emmaus? Why were they in such a funk? What was keeping them from realizing that Jesus had risen? What lessons does their story illustrate for us about how to minimize (or lose) our faith?
3. Jesus did not automatically venture with these two into Emmaus. What did He wait for them to offer Him? What is the importance of **initially** inviting the Lord Jesus into your lives as your God and Savior? And as a Christian, what is the importance of **daily** inviting the Lord Jesus into our lives? What does it mean to do that? How is that done?
4. What three things happened to the Emmaus Road travelers once they got themselves straightened away with Jesus? What **truth of Jesus** have you recently learned? Why do you appreciate belonging to the **people of Jesus**? How has the **power of Jesus** helped you, as of late, to grow spiritually and transform personally?