

# **A DESTINY FORESEEN THE BLESSED HOPE FOR HUMANITY**

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- 2.) Crisis: Eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus (v. 28–35)
- 3.) Resolution: Minds were opened, and they believed (v. 36–49)
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The two disciples returning to Emmaus at first missed the significance of history’s greatest event because they were too focused on their disappointments and problems. They didn’t recognize Jesus when he was walking beside them. To compound the problem, they were walking in the wrong direction—away from the fellowship of believers in Jerusalem. Christians are likely to miss Jesus and withdraw from the strength found in other believers when they become preoccupied with their dashed hopes and frustrated plans. Only when looking for Jesus in their midst will believers experience the power and help, he can bring. Be alert to his presence in every aspect of daily living.”<sup>2</sup>

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