



#5, Jesus & Cleopas

Luke 24:12-36

We're in a series called ONE...! It's a short series looking at the conversations of Jesus! Today is the penultimate message in our ONE series. Today we're looking at the well-known account in Luke 24. Our conversation is packed full of drama, passion, disappointment, recognition and mission! It's known as the 'Road to Emmaus'.

Luke 24:12

- **Our Emmaus conversation picks up after the public execution of Jesus.**
 - Probably just a couple of hours after Peter has relayed what he had seen, and the reports started to circulate among the disciples, a couple is walking out of Jerusalem!

Luke 24:13

- **Obviously through the years there has been a great deal of discussion on who these people are.**
 - Most historians agree however, that it is most likely that the two people were a married couple. Later we learn of one of their names, Cleopas (*or Clopas*).
 - Based upon the historical agreement, the other person in this conversation is likely his wife, Mary! (John 19:25)

Luke 24:14

- **To understand the significance of this conversation, we need to put ourselves in their sandals.**
 - We need to imagine where they were at in their mental and emotional state. For us to be able to do that, we need to enter into the mindset of a 1st century Jew in the early hours following the crucifixion!
- **As they exited out of Jerusalem's Western Gate, their hearts would have been filled with despair!**
 - They would have thought to themselves, Jesus is dead, and our hope has died with him!
 - This is the third day and the horror of it all has become their new reality.
 - **And now, rumors are beginning to surface about the whereabouts of the body!**

Luke 24:15-16

- **It's Jesus walking with them, but for whatever reason, they did not realize it was Jesus.**
 - The last time they had seen Him He was beaten, marred, and bleeding out...
 - Jesus is in a glorified body and they don't know who it is... **BUT THEY WOULD SOON!**

Luke 24:17

- **Jesus' execution was about the only thing people were talking about in Jerusalem.**
 - It had been the tragic climax to a *passionate* week of controversy and confrontation and now they're at a standstill and are completely lost!

Luke 24:18-21

- **It wasn't just that Jesus, the bearer of their hopes, was now dead and gone!**
- **It was worse than that!**
 - If Jesus had been the one to redeem Israel, He would have defeated the Roman pagans and not died at their hands!
 - As Jews, their understanding of the Messiah was of one who would defeat the Roman powers and not be defeated by them and end up on their cross.
 - ***The dream was dead and they were done!***

Luke 24:22-24

- **Do you have times in your walk with Jesus where you're disappointed by Him!?**
- We can go through hopeless seasons where we can wonder if Jesus has abandoned us completely!
 - *Dry times are actually a normal part of the Christian life and can actually be a gift to us.*

Luke 24:25-26

- **The stranger (Jesus) looked with compassion right into Cleopas' soul.**
 - Jesus compassionately heals our unbelief through leading us into the scriptures!
 - For the next two hours this *stranger* walked Cleopas and his friend through the entire scriptures and connected all of the references to Jesus Christ!

Luke 24:27-29

- **Jesus says this was the Father's plan all along! Everything points to Jesus! It's all about Jesus!**
 - Imagine Jesus sitting down with you explaining Genesis 22 - How the charge to sacrifice Isaac foreshadowed the atonement (*at-one-moment*) that He accomplished on the cross?
 - **At the end of the long Bible exposition their eyes were opened to God's plan of redemption!**
 - *The fire that had died out at Golgotha was coming back to life!*

Luke 24:30-31

- **Mary, the wife of Cleopas (Clopas) had earlier been at the foot of the cross.** (John 19:25)
 - *She saw His blood flow. She heard His screams. She experienced the darkness.*
 - **Mary had no doubt at all that Jesus was dead!**
 - *But as soon as the bread touched their hands they recognized who it was...*

Luke 24:32

- **Jesus is the only one who can answer the cry of the human heart for longing and purpose!**
 - *Surrender your heart to Jesus Christ?*

Luke 24:33-36

- **There is always a story to tell when someone has met with Jesus!**
 - It was this moment that completely transformed the early-believers into kingdom-shakers!!
 - *They had the unshakeable conviction that something world-changing had happened.*
 - Not even death could defeat them...!
 - *They were a people completely transformed by the bodily resurrection of Jesus.*
 - *They were a people completely transformed by their conversations with Jesus.*

**Are we *completely transformed* by the bodily resurrection of Jesus?
Are we *completely transformed* by our conversations with Jesus?**