

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### The Road to Emmaus

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
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Luke 24:13-16 (NIV) Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

- **God walks with you whether you recognize Him or not.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 “[God] has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.”

Acts 17:28 (NLT) “For in [God] we live and move and exist...We are His offspring.”

Luke 24:17-21 (NLT) He asked them, “What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?” They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, “You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days.” <sup>19</sup> “What things?” Jesus asked. “The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth,” they said. “He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. <sup>21</sup> We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

John 11:25 “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

- **Jesus walked in your shoes, so you can trust Him.**

Luke 24:22-27 (NLT) “Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. <sup>23</sup> They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! <sup>24</sup> Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said.” <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. <sup>26</sup> Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Genesis 3:15

Isaiah 53:4-10 (NLT) Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. <sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away...

**Big Idea: Jesus is inviting you to walk with Him to find Life in all its fullness.**

Luke 24:28-34 (NLT) By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, <sup>29</sup> but they begged him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So he went home with them. <sup>30</sup> As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, <sup>34</sup> who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.”

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**Challenge 3: Explore the abundant life promised in Christ through Alpha.**

Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG) “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”



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3. Read Ecc. 3:11 and Acts 17:28. What does this tell you about you? Share about a time when you were really aware of God's presence in your life? How did you know it was God?
4. Read Luke 24:17-21. Why were these disciples surprised that this "traveller" didn't know about Jesus of Nazareth? What does this tell us about Christ's arrest and crucifixion? Why does this give us confidence about the historical accuracy of the Bible?
5. Read John 11:25. What is Jesus promising? What conditions are necessary?
6. Read Luke 24:22-27. How does Isaiah 53:4-10 and Psalm 22 predict what Christ and the women describe?
7. Read Luke 24:28-34. In what way is Christ inviting you to walk with Him to find Life in all its fulness? Prayerfully reflect on Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)
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