

TAKE HOME SHEET



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**Series:** The Start of Something Better  
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**Speaker:** Rusty Coram  
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Take some time and read the Bible passage we looked at in the service: Luke 24:13-38. If possible, read it slowly and out loud (don't worry about mispronouncing names – God won't mind!). This would also be a good thing to do as a family, with a friend, or with your Small Group.

After you read, here are some questions to help you go beyond the historical context to consider what the implications are for each of us.

The two who were leaving Jerusalem are identified as followers of Jesus. They weren't part of the twelve disciples Jesus trained but they believed in Him. They were deeply sad Jesus was gone.

What do you think their perspective was about the disappearance reports regarding Jesus' body?

Do you think they could ever trust the leaders of their faith and nation after the horrible and unjust treatment of Jesus?

When is a time you have had your hope crushed? What did you do to get through the disappointment? Or are you still feeling hopeless?

When Jesus says in verse 25, "*You foolish people!*" It may seem harsh but remember these two have heard Jesus teach many times. He isn't calling them "fools", but He is saying that they are thinking foolishly, dull, or short-sighted. Rather than being offended they listen to this knowledgeable stranger. How do you respond when challenged by someone wiser than you?

When they realize their traveling companion is Jesus, they immediately head back to tell everyone about being with the risen Jesus. How can you imitate their enthusiasm and zeal in how you relate to others in your sphere of influence?

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**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

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MESSAGE NOTES



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<sup>13</sup> That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. <sup>16</sup> But God kept them from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> "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.

<sup>28</sup> 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."

*Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

<sup>35</sup> Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. <sup>36</sup> And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said.

<sup>37</sup> But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

<sup>38</sup> "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands.

Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me.

Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." <sup>40</sup> As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup> Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he ate it as they watched.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things."

Luke 24:13-48 (NLT)