

WALKING THE EMMAUS ROAD IS...

## I. A JOURNEY OF DISILLUSIONMENT AND DESPAIR

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<sup>13</sup>THAT VERY DAY TWO OF THEM WERE GOING TO A VILLAGE NAMED EMMAUS, ABOUT SEVEN MILES FROM JERUSALEM, <sup>14</sup>AND THEY WERE TALKING WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT ALL THESE THINGS THAT HAD HAPPENED. <sup>15</sup>WHILE THEY WERE TALKING AND DISCUSSING TOGETHER, JESUS HIMSELF DREW NEAR AND WENT WITH THEM. <sup>16</sup>BUT THEIR EYES WERE KEPT FROM RECOGNIZING HIM. <sup>17</sup>AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHAT IS THIS CONVERSATION THAT YOU ARE HOLDING WITH EACH OTHER AS YOU WALK?" AND THEY STOOD STILL, LOOKING SAD. <sup>18</sup>THEN ONE OF THEM, NAMED CLEOPAS, ANSWERED HIM, "ARE YOU THE ONLY VISITOR TO JERUSALEM WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED THERE IN THESE DAYS?" <sup>19</sup>AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHAT THINGS?"

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AND THEY SAID TO HIM, "CONCERNING JESUS OF NAZARETH, A MAN WHO WAS A PROPHET MIGHTY IN DEED AND WORD BEFORE GOD AND ALL THE PEOPLE, <sup>20</sup>AND HOW OUR CHIEF PRIESTS AND RULERS DELIVERED HIM UP TO BE CONDEMNED TO DEATH, AND CRUCIFIED HIM. <sup>21</sup>BUT WE HAD HOPED THAT HE WAS THE ONE TO REDEEM ISRAEL. YES, AND BESIDES ALL THIS, IT IS NOW THE THIRD DAY SINCE THESE THINGS HAPPENED. <sup>22</sup>MOREOVER, SOME WOMEN OF OUR COMPANY AMAZED US. THEY WERE AT THE TOMB EARLY IN THE MORNING, <sup>23</sup>AND WHEN THEY DID NOT FIND HIS BODY, THEY CAME BACK SAYING THAT THEY HAD EVEN SEEN A VISION OF ANGELS, WHO SAID THAT HE WAS ALIVE. <sup>24</sup>SOME OF THOSE WHO WERE WITH US WENT TO THE TOMB AND FOUND IT JUST AS THE WOMEN HAD SAID, BUT HIM THEY DID NOT SEE." —LUKE 24:13-24

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THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS,  
AND DESPERATELY SICK; WHO CAN UNDERSTAND IT?  
—JEREMIAH 17:9

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“IF YOU’VE EVER TRIED TO  
HOLD FAITH IN ONE HAND  
AND DISAPPOINTMENT IN  
THE OTHER, THIS WALK  
TO EMMAUS IS FOR YOU.  
IF YOU’VE EVER LOOKED  
FOR GOD AND NOT SEEN  
GOD UNTIL LATER—  
UNTIL HINDSIGHT OR  
COMMUNION OR A  
WHISPERED MOMENT—  
THEN THIS IS  
YOUR ROAD TOO.”  
—PASTOR JASON ELDER

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## 2. A JOURNEY WITH DISCUSSION AND DEBATE

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BUT THEIR EYES WERE KEPT FROM RECOGNIZING HIM.  
—LUKE 24:16

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<sup>25</sup>AND HE SAID TO THEM,  
“O FOOLISH ONES, AND SLOW OF HEART TO BELIEVE  
ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN!  
<sup>26</sup>WAS IT NOT NECESSARY THAT THE CHRIST  
SHOULD SUFFER THESE THINGS AND ENTER  
INTO HIS GLORY?” <sup>27</sup>AND BEGINNING WITH MOSES  
AND ALL THE PROPHETS, HE INTERPRETED TO THEM  
IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES THE THINGS  
CONCERNING HIMSELF. —LUKE 24:25-27

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“PERHAPS JESUS STARTED IN GENESIS 3:15, THE FIRST PROMISE OF A REDEEMER, AND TRACED THE PROMISE THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. HE MAY HAVE LINGERED AT GENESIS 22, WHICH TELLS OF ABRAHAM PLACING HIS ONLY BELOVED SON ON THE ALTAR. SURELY HE TOUCHED ON THE PASSOVER, THE LEVITICAL SACRIFICES, THE TABERNACLE CEREMONIES, THE DAY OF ATONEMENT, THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, THE SUFFERING SERVANT IN ISAIAH 53, AND THE PROPHETIC MESSAGES OF PSALM 22 AND 69. THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE IS TO SEE JESUS ON EVERY PAGE. HE DID NOT TEACH THEM ONLY DOCTRINE OR PROPHECY, HE TAUGHT ‘THE THINGS CONCERNING HIMSELF.’” —WARREN WIERSBE

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### 3. A JOURNEY INCLUDING A DINNER AND A DISCOVERY

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<sup>28</sup>SO THEY DREW NEAR TO THE VILLAGE TO WHICH THEY WERE GOING. HE ACTED AS IF HE WERE GOING FARTHER, <sup>29</sup>BUT THEY URGED HIM STRONGLY, SAYING, “STAY WITH US, FOR IT IS TOWARD EVENING AND THE DAY IS NOW FAR SPENT.” SO HE WENT IN TO STAY WITH THEM. <sup>30</sup>WHEN HE WAS AT TABLE WITH THEM, HE TOOK THE BREAD AND BLESSED AND BROKE IT AND GAVE IT TO THEM. <sup>31</sup>AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED, AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM. AND HE VANISHED FROM THEIR SIGHT. <sup>32</sup>THEY SAID TO EACH OTHER, “DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US WHILE HE TALKED TO US ON THE ROAD, WHILE HE OPENED TO US THE SCRIPTURES?” —LUKE 24:28-32

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“CHRISTIANITY IS IN ITS VERY ESSENCE A RESURRECTION RELIGION. THE CONCEPT OF RESURRECTION LIES AT ITS HEART. IF YOU REMOVE IT, CHRISTIANITY IS DESTROYED.”  
—JOHN STOTT

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**THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST  
CONFIRMS AND ASSURES...**

- JESUS IS WHO HE CLAIMED TO BE—THE SON OF GOD, ROMANS 1:4
- JESUS' SACRIFICE IS ACCEPTED AND SALVATION IS PROVIDED, ROMANS 4:24-25
- JESUS GIVES NEW LIFE TO ALL WHO LOOK TO HIM AND BELIEVE ON HIS NAME, ROMANS 6:4
- JESUS IS THE ONE WHO WILL JUDGE THE WORLD, ACTS 17:31

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<sup>33</sup>AND THEY ROSE THAT SAME HOUR AND RETURNED TO JERUSALEM. AND THEY FOUND THE ELEVEN AND THOSE WHO WERE WITH THEM GATHERED TOGETHER, <sup>34</sup>SAYING, "THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED, AND HAS APPEARED TO SIMON!" <sup>35</sup>THEN THEY TOLD WHAT HAD HAPPENED ON THE ROAD, AND HOW HE WAS KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.  
—LUKE 24:33-35

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<sup>34</sup>"THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED, AND HAS APPEARED TO SIMON!" <sup>35</sup>THEN THEY TOLD WHAT HAD HAPPENED ON THE ROAD, AND HOW HE WAS KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD. —LUKE 24:34-35

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**4. A JOURNEY ENDING WITH A  
NEW DEMAND AND DIRECTION**

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<sup>48</sup>YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS. <sup>49</sup>AND BEHOLD, I AM SENDING THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU. BUT STAY IN THE CITY UNTIL YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.” —LUKE 24:48-49

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“WITNESSING IS NOT SOMETHING WE DO FOR THE LORD, IT IS SOMETHING HE DOES THROUGH US IF WE ARE FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.” —WARREN WIERSEBE

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.” —ACTS 1:8

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<sup>3</sup>BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY, HE HAS CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,  
<sup>4</sup>TO AN INHERITANCE THAT IS IMPERISHABLE, UNDEFILED, AND UNFADING, KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,  
<sup>5</sup>WHO BY GOD'S POWER ARE BEING GUARDED THROUGH FAITH FOR A SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.

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<sup>6</sup>IN THIS YOU REJOICE, THOUGH NOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE, IF NECESSARY, YOU HAVE BEEN GRIEVED BY VARIOUS TRIALS, <sup>7</sup>SO THAT THE TESTED GENUINENESS OF YOUR FAITH—MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD THAT PERISHES THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY FIRE—MAY BE FOUND TO RESULT IN PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOR AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST. <sup>8</sup>THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT SEEN HIM, YOU LOVE HIM. THOUGH YOU DO NOT NOW SEE HIM, YOU BELIEVE IN HIM AND REJOICE WITH JOY THAT IS INEXPRESSIBLE AND FILLED WITH GLORY,  
<sup>9</sup>OBTAINING THE OUTCOME OF YOUR FAITH, THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS. —1 PETER 1:3-9

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