



## Roads of Redemption: Road to Emmaus

**Introduction:** On the morning of the resurrection, there were no Christians, just confused and heartbroken former followers. On the road to Emmaus, we meet two of them who are walking away because their hope was gone. The resurrection reminds us that our hope is based on who Jesus is and what He has promised.

### Discussion Questions

1. Can you share a time when disappointment or confusion tempted you to “walk away” from something you once hoped God would do?
2. **Read Luke 24:13–24.** Why do you think the two disciples failed to recognize Jesus even as he walked beside them? How does their statement “*we had hoped...*” reveal the expectations they carried?
3. The disciples expected Jesus to “redeem Israel” in a political or national sense. What are some modern ways people still expect Jesus to fulfill hopes He never promised to fulfill? Fear and misplaced expectations often distort our view of God. What fears tend to shape your expectations of Jesus? How does the resurrection speak directly to those fears?
4. **Read Luke 24:25–27.** Jesus reframes their understanding of Scripture by showing how it all points to Him. How does reading Scripture through the lens of Jesus change the way you interpret familiar passages? The disciples’ hearts “burned within them” as Jesus opened the Scriptures. When have you experienced Scripture stirring or awakening something in you?
5. **Read Luke 24:28–35.** Why do you think Jesus allowed them to recognize Him specifically in the breaking of the bread? What does this moment teach us about the role of community and shared practices in recognizing Jesus?
6. What do we mean when we say that the resurrection is the event that is the foundation of our faith? When Tim Keller says, “If Jesus indeed rose from the dead, everything is going to be ok,” what does that mean?

**Shaping Your Mind** – Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” *Luke 24:32*

**Moving Forward** – Easter reminds us that we never have to walk the road alone.