

Luke 24 records the events immediately following Jesus' resurrection. The chapter begins with the empty tomb, where women discover that Jesus has risen, though the disciples struggle to believe. It then moves into the Emmaus road account (24:13–35), where two followers leave Jerusalem discouraged and confused. Jesus joins them unrecognized, explaining how the Scriptures point to his suffering and glory. Their understanding shifts when he breaks bread, revealing his identity. The chapter continues with Jesus appearing to the wider group, confirming his bodily resurrection and commissioning them as witnesses. Overall, Luke 24 emphasises the movement from doubt to faith, the importance of Scripture, and the reality of the risen Christ.

Share a time when the presence of Jesus has unexpectedly turned up in your life?

Luke 24:13-35

1. Why do you think the two disciples were leaving Jerusalem? What does this reveal about their emotional state after Jesus' death?
2. In verse 16, it says their eyes were "kept from recognising him." What do you think was going on?
3. What might prevent people today from recognising Jesus at work in their lives?
4. How do the disciples describe Jesus in verse 19? What do they understand correctly—and what do they miss?
5. What is significant about Jesus explaining the Scriptures to them (vv. 25–27) rather than immediately revealing himself?
6. What role should Scripture play in shaping faith in a culture that often values personal opinion over truth?
7. What does Jesus mean when he calls them "slow of heart to believe" (v. 25)?
8. Where might we be slow to trust God—even when we have knowledge?
9. Why is the moment of recognition tied to the breaking of bread (v. 30–31)?
10. How can ordinary, everyday moments in UK life (meals, conversations, routines) become places of encountering God?
11. How does this passage show Jesus meeting people in their confusion rather than waiting for perfect faith?
12. How should churches in the UK engage with doubters, sceptics, or those who've drifted away?
13. What role does hospitality play in this story (inviting Jesus to stay)?
14. How could practicing hospitality (e.g., inviting neighbours, sharing meals) be a powerful witness in our culture?

Prayer Points

Please pray for those who were baptised. Pray for those who made a commitment to follow Jesus on Easter Sunday. Pray for the Lord to move in all we do and for people to come to faith in Jesus.

Pray for Thailand: for God to move by his Spirit to bring many people to faith in Jesus. Pray especially for the Thai indigenous Buddhists and for the many unreached rural villages.

Sermon Notes

Jesus c_____ a_____ u_____

Honest c_____

Jesus in the F_____

Jesus c_____ y_____ d_____.



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The Emmaus Road

The resurrection of Jesus is central to Christian faith. Without the resurrection, His death would be seen as a tragic end rather than a victorious act of salvation. It demonstrates God's power over death, offering hope of eternal life to all who believe. The resurrection also transforms fear into courage, as seen in the disciples who went from hiding to boldly proclaiming the gospel. It assures believers that suffering and death are not the end, and it calls Christians to live with purpose, hope, and confidence in God's promises both now and for the future.

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