



I. PRELUDE: WE ARE NOT MEANT TO GO ALONE

- A. None of us are called to go it alone.
- B. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord will flourish.

II. INTRODUCTION

- A. This series has been like eating a meal each week — I find myself looking forward to what's coming before I even get to service.
- B. When I seek, I will find.
- C. We've been looking at meals Jesus had with people, as laid out in Luke's Gospel.

A Quick Reflection:

- Ephesians 2:1–10 tells us we are God's workmanship.
- The Passion Translation says: "We have become His poetry..."
- (Greek word: poieo — we are His creative expression.)

III. FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

Luke 19:10 (NLT) "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 7:34 (NLT) "The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!'"

Today's Main Passage:

Luke 24:1–34 (NLT) — *The Road to Emmaus*

IV. SCENE SETTING

- A. It's the day after the Sabbath.
- B. Jesus has been crucified, buried — and now something is happening.
- C. Rumors are spreading.
- D. The tomb is empty.
- E. People are confused.
- F. The disciples don't know what to believe.
- G. Two men are walking from Jerusalem to a town called Emmaus — a 7-mile journey (about 3 hours).
- H. They're deep in conversation — maybe even arguing — passionately processing everything that just happened.

And Jesus shows up — but they don't recognize Him.



V. JESUS STEPS INTO IT ALL

- A. Jesus joins them on the road.
- B. He enters their confusion, grief, and disappointment.
- C. He asks:

“What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?”

- D. They reply:

“Are you serious right now? Are you the only one who doesn’t know what’s happened in Jerusalem?”

- E. So He asks again:

“What things?”

VI. THEIR RESPONSE IS HONEST AND HEAVY

- A. Jesus was powerful in word and action.
- B. He was arrested and sentenced to death — legally.
- C. He was executed.
- D. He was supposed to save us and set up the Kingdom... but now He’s gone.
- E. Some say He’s alive... but we don’t know what to believe.

They are heartbroken, confused, disappointed, and angry.

VII. THE TURNING POINT

- A. Even though they don’t recognize Him, they sense something.
- B. Jesus rebukes them for their lack of faith.
- C. Then He begins to **re-paint the masterpiece** for them — showing them the Scriptures.
- D. Their hearts are stirred — something about this man, this moment, feels *right*.
- E. They invite Him in.
- F. While breaking bread — the ordinary becomes holy.
- G. Their eyes are opened. They realize: *It’s Him*.

“Weren’t our hearts burning within us as He talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”

God, set my heart on fire again...

VIII. THE RESULT? URGENCY.

- A. Even though it’s late, they get up **immediately**.
- B. They walk another 7 miles — another 3 hours — to go and tell the others.
- C. That’s what revelation does:
 - It moves you.
 - It sends you.



IX. THE CHALLENGE

A. Feed on God's Word

Matthew 4:4 (NLT) "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

- B. When you do, revelation comes.
 - Jesus reveals Himself to the hungry, the open, and the honest.
- C. God asks questions — not because He doesn't know the answer...
 - ... But to bring us into **truth**.
- D. There is no such thing as a **secret Christian**.
 - When He is revealed, something in you will want to move — to tell someone.

Stop looking for the living among the dead.

He's alive — and He's walking your road.