

Luke 24:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Journey to Emmaus: 'And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.' On resurrection Sunday, 'two of them' (δύο ἐξ αὐτῶν, *dyo ex autōn*)—disciples but not the Eleven—traveled to 'Emmaus' (Ἐμμαοῦς, *Emmaous*), 'threescore furlongs' (σταδίους ἑξήκοντα, *stadious hexēkonta*, about 7 miles) from Jerusalem. Their journey away from Jerusalem perhaps indicates disappointment or confusion after Jesus' death. They're leaving the place of resurrection appearance, yet Jesus meets them on the road. This demonstrates that the risen Christ isn't confined to Jerusalem or the upper room—He appears wherever and to whomever He chooses. Their Emmaus journey becomes occasion for one of Scripture's most beautiful resurrection narratives.

Historical Context

The Emmaus road account (vv. 13-35) is unique to Luke and provides rich theological instruction. These two disciples (one named Cleopas, v. 18) represent ordinary believers grappling with shattered expectations. Jesus' death had crushed their hopes (v. 21), and they couldn't process resurrection reports (v. 22-24). Their journey from Jerusalem perhaps symbolizes moving away from faith's center in despair. Yet Jesus pursues them, walks with them, teaches them, and reveals Himself. This models how Christ meets believers in confusion and disappointment, teaching them Scripture's truth and revealing Himself through Word and

sacrament (breaking bread). The pattern continues—Christ meets us where we are, however far we've wandered.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Why were these disciples leaving Jerusalem, and what might this symbolize about faith during dark times?
2. What does Jesus pursuing them on the road teach about His initiative in restoration and revelation?
3. How does this narrative model Christ meeting believers in confusion and revealing Himself through Scripture?

Interlinear Text

Καὶ	ἰδοὺ,	δύο	ἐξ	αὐτῇ	ἦσαν	πορευόμενοι	ἐν	αὐτῇ
And	behold	two	of	same	went	G4198	that	same
G2532	G2400	G1417	G1537	G846	G2258		G1722	G846
τῇ	ἡμέρᾳ	εἰς	κώμην	ἀπέχουσιν	σταδίους	ἐξήκοντα		
G3588	day	to	a village	which was	furlongs	about threescore		
	G2250	G1519	G2968	G568	G4712	G1835		
ἀπὸ	Ἱερουσαλὴμ	ἣ	ὄνομα	Ἑμμαοῦς				
from	Jerusalem	called	G3686	Emmaus				
G575	G2419	G3739		G1695				

Additional Cross-References

Luke 24:18 (References Jerusalem): And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

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