



**Part 1: Built on Jesus**  
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## **Luke 24:13-35**

### **A hopeless conversation**

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

### **Hope is lost**

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

***Life: a journey down a road that I never  
thought I would be on today.***

And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

### **Hope has a foundation**

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther.

## Hope waits for the invitation to enter

<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

## Hope is realized

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem.

## Hope grows courage

There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

**Building hope on anything other than Jesus  
is a decision to become more and more hopeless.**

“But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.” – Psalm 39:7

## Next Steps

The CTK Blessing is one of the most tangible ways we can offer hope to people in need — both in our congregation and through our community partners. All through November you’ll hear about opportunities to give to the Blessing offering and to volunteer at the CTK Food Share, CTK Farm, or with one of our partners. Ask God and take time to listen for his answer of how you might participate in the CTK Blessing this month or in the coming year.

## Small Group Questions

- 1) Would you describe yourself as an optimist or a pessimist? Why?
- 2) When you look at the condition of the world, are you hopeful or hopeless? Why?
- 3) Read the story about the encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Where in the story do you laugh, sigh, cry or pause? What is Jesus saying to you about the road that you are currently walking on?
- 4) How can you find the hope of Jesus in a broken world? Where have you seen hope in the past week?
- 5) How can you spread the hope of Jesus this week?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and in the coming week?