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Episode 2 – On the Way to Emmaus

On the Way to Emmaus with Hearts on Fire and Eyes Enlightened

Luke 24:13 – 35 The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus.*

13 Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles* from Jerusalem called Emmaus,

14 and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

15 And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,

16[†] but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast.

18 One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?”

19 And he replied to them, “What sort of things?” They said to him, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,^k

20 how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.

21^l But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.

22^m Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning

23 and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

24ⁿ Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.”

25^o And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!

26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer* these things and enter into his glory?”

27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.^p

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther.

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

30 And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.

31 With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

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32 Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”

33 So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them

34 who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”^a

35 Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

outline

1. Luke 24:1 – context is Easter Sunday
 - a. Luke 22 – Last Supper (1st Mass) is on Holy Thursday
 - b. Why do we celebrate Mass on “the Lord’s Day” on Sunday, the 1st day of the week?
 - i. The Road to Emmaus & at Emmaus is the reason.
2. Luke 24:1 – 1st day of the week at early dawn
 - a. Mt & Mk also note this
 - b. 1st day = new creation event – light separated from darkness (early dawn)
 - i. Light overcoming darkness
 - ii. Life overcoming death
 - c. This is Easter Sunday
3. APPEARANCES – all to show He is alive EXCEPT the Road to Emmaus
 - a. He will do 2 things on the 1st day of His resurrection
 - i.
4. SCRIPTURE - Luke 24:13 - 27
 - a. 2 people walking & talking & discussing – homily
 - i. EYES closed – don’t recognize Jesus
 - ii. SAD – lost hope
 - iii. 3rd day since these things happened
 - iv. Some women found tomb empty & saw angels who said He was alive
 1. Cleopas does not seem to believe Jesus is alive.
 2. Men found the tomb empty but didn’t see Jesus.
 3. HEART – foolish & slow of heart to BELIEVE!
 - a. Heart guides the head.
 - b. If heart slow to believe, head will be slow understand
 4. Necessary the Christ should suffer these things & enter into His Glory
 - a. Interpreted Scriptures
 - i. Moses = Torah (Gen, Ex, Lev, Num, Deut) => Prophets
 - ii. Things concerning Himself
 - iii. How whole story of Israel relates to Himself

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5. Connections & Bridges

- a. He is the one to Redeem Israel
 - i. Luke 2:38 - Anna in presentation at the Temple has HOPE
 - ii. Luke 24:21 - they have lost their hope (lost faith He is the Messiah).
- b. Who are they? the day is far spend ... stay with **us** –
 - i. Cleopas & ??? – not a disciple (they are in Jerusalem)
 - ii. Wife – a married couple
 - 1. Simeon & Anna
 - 2. Joseph & Mary – finding in the Temple -
 - a. Jesus gone for 3 days - J&M anxious & sad
 - b. “necessary”- 24:26 to suffer, 2:49 to be in the His father’s house
 - 3. John 19:25 - Wife of Clopas (rare name) at foot of the Cross
 - 4. Luke 24:15 - Walking & debating = arguing (husband & wife)
 - a. Wife – Jesus is alive (women sent to tomb) – stay in Jerusalem
 - b. Cleopas – does not believe Jesus is alive – we are going home

6. ACTION - Luke 24:28 –

- a. Jesus does meal blessing – at home of Cleopas – they ask teacher to give blessing
 - i. Takes, blesses, breaks, gives – Last Supper
 - ii. Cleopas – recognizes Him – believes in breaking of the bread
 - iii. 2nd Mass - wants to share the Eucharist on this 1st Day
 - 1. Jesus vanishes = shows Jesus is present in the Eucharist
 - 2. Jesus shows Sunday is the day, not Thursday (at Passover)
- b. EYES OPENED

Adam & Eve	Forbidden fruit	God walked with them	Shame & guilt
Cleopas & Mary	Eucharist (fruit from the Tree of Life = cross) Gives us life.	Jesus walked with them	Face of God in Jesus, presence of God in Euch.

7. MASS - 2 Parts of the Mass – Word & Sacrament belong together – we encounter Jesus

- a. Act 1 – Road to Emmaus – Liturgy of the Word
 - i. OT, Psalm, Gospel – Homily scriptures of OT & story of Jesus
- b. Act 2 – Table at Emmaus – Liturgy of the Eucharist
 - i. Breaking of bread

Every Eucharist is a Road to Emmaus.

Is your heart burning within you?