



Luke 24:13-41 (abridged)

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles out of Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. Suddenly, Jesus himself came along and joined them and began walking beside them. But they didn't know who he was, because God kept them from recognizing him.

"You seem to be in a deep discussion..." he said. "What are you so concerned about?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ...Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there...to Jesus, the man from Nazareth. He was a prophet who did wonderful miracles. He was a mighty teacher, highly regarded by both God and all the people. But our ...religious leaders arrested him and...crucified him... That all happened three days ago. Then some women from our group...were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, Jesus' body was gone..."

Then Jesus said to them "...Wasn't it clearly predicted by the prophets that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his time of glory?" Then Jesus quoted passages from...all the prophets, explaining what all the Scriptures said about himself.

By this time they were nearing Emmaus and...Jesus would have gone on, but they begged him to stay the night with them, since it was getting late. So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took a small loaf of bread, asked God's blessing on it, broke it, then gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts feel strangely warm as he talked with us...?" And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem, where the eleven disciples... were gathered. When they arrived, they were greeted with the report, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter!" Then (they) told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them... And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them...They stood there doubting, filled with joy and wonder.

RELENTLESS LOVE

The God Who Came Searching For You

1. Jesus came searching _____
"Suddenly Jesus himself came along and joined them & began walking beside them"

2. Jesus came to _____ to me
"they didn't know who he was" (16)
"Wasn't it clearly predicted by the prophets...?" Then (he) quoted passages from...the prophets explaining what all the Scriptures said about himself" (26,27)

F _____ execution
"But our...religious leaders arrested him and...they crucified him." (21)

A _____ life
"He...did wonderful miracles. He was a mighty teacher, highly regarded" (19)

C _____ witnesses
"Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him" (31)
"The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter!" (34)
"Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among (the disciples)" (36)

T _____ empty
"some women...said his body was missing, and...angels told them Jesus is alive!"
Some of our men ran out to see, and...Jesus' body was gone" (22-24)

S _____ changed lives

3. Jesus came to fill my life with _____
(Jesus) "What are you so concerned about?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces" (17)
"they stood there...filled with joy and wonder." (41)

4. Jesus came to give my life _____
"Didn't our hearts feel strangely warm as he talked with us" (32)
"(they) were walking...out of Jerusalem." (33)
"they were on their way back to Jerusalem...(to tell) their story" (35)

5. Jesus came to forgive me and be _____
(Jesus): "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations." (46,47 MES)

"Jesus acted as if he were going on but they begged him to stay...So he went home with them"