

SESSION 1: ACCOMPANIMENT

THE WALK TO EMMAUS LUKE 24:13-35

READERS: NARRATORS 1 AND 2; DISCIPLES 1 AND 2; JESUS

NARRATOR 1: ¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

NARRATOR 2: ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them,

JESUS: What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?

NARRATOR 1: They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

DISCIPLE 1: Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?

JESUS: ¹⁹What things?

DISCIPLE 2: The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel...

DISCIPLE 1: Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.

JESUS: ²⁵Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?

NARRATOR 2: ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

NARRATOR 1: ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying,

DISCIPLE 2: Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.

NARRATOR 2: So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other,

DISCIPLE 1: Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?

NARRATOR 1: ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying,

DISCIPLE 2: The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!

NARRATOR 2: ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.