

Easter Hope 2016

I. Introduction

- A. Luke 24:13-16 (NLG) ¹³What same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶But God kept them from recognizing him.
- B. Luke 24:17 (NLG) He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"
- C. Luke 24:18 (NLG) "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."
- D. Luke 24:19-21 (NLG) ¹⁹"What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. ²⁰But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. ²¹We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago."
- E. Luke 24:22-24 (NLG) ²²When some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. ²³They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! ²⁴Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."
- F. Luke 24:25a (NLG) "You foolish people!"
- G. Luke 24:25-27 (NLG) ²⁵When Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. ²⁶Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" ²⁷When Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
- I. "Shalom" was the way the world is supposed to be, if sin doesn't have its way.
- Ĥ. Luke 24:26 (NLG) "Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?"
- I. Luke 24:28-32 (NLG) ²⁸By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, ²⁹but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. ³⁰As they sat down to eat, he

took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them.³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!³² They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

J. Luke 24:33a (NLT) *And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem.*

II. Conclusion