



# A Risen Christ Makes All the Difference

Luke 24:13-35  
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"If Christ is not risen, nothing else matters.

And if Christ is risen, nothing else matters." - Jaroslav Pelikan

**The Big Idea:** The circumstances of our lives are often overwhelming. Without the **resurrection** of Jesus, we will be lost in our sin, without hope, and consumed by **fear**. Jesus will save you, but He waits for you to see Him, believe in Him, and submit your life fully to Him.

## Luke 24 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who **was** a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we **had hoped** that he was the one to **redeem** Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, **he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.** <sup>31</sup>**And their eyes were opened,** and **they recognized him.** And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then **they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.**

## What is Our Problem?

1. We are **broken** and **sinful** people in need of a Savior.
2. Even if we believe Jesus died on the Cross, if we believe it was because mean people got the best of Him and if we believe He is still dead, we have **no Savior**.
3. We're all in need of being **redeemed**.

## Are There Reasons to Have Hope?

1. God's **silence** doesn't mean He is uninvolved in our lives. He is always working for His glory and our good!
2. We Find Jesus All Through **Scripture**. Read your Bible and see Jesus on every page!  
Genesis 3:15; Genesis 22; The Passover; The Exodus; Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; Psalm 69; 2 Corinthians 1:20
3. When you truly see Jesus, you find the **explanation** for your life.
4. Jesus will **transform** your life if you turn from sin, turn to Him, and trust Him as your Savior, following Him as your Lord.

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*"He hasn't fixed His love on me at my best. He has fixed His love on me at my worst."*

- Glenn Scrivener

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