

“En Route to Emmaus”

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Luke 24:13

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus.

Luke 24:15

Jesus himself came up and walked along with them...

Think of those about whom it can already be said: “Suddenly Jesus met them” (Mt. 28:9).

Luke 24:16

...but they were kept from recognizing him.

Notice the “divine passive”. God is the one who keeps these Christ-followers from recognizing Jesus until it’s the right time and in the right way.

Luke 24:18

“Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

The irony is that Jesus is the only visitor who fully knows what has happened and the complete effect of his death and resurrection.

Luke 24:19

“What things?” he asked.

Jesus plays dumb. He wants to hear what these men will say about him.

As Jesus listens to their witness, what’s clear that they do not yet understand?

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

“God is his own interpreter. It is finally God who must make the meaning of the Scriptures plain to us, must open the text to us in its witness to the crucified and risen Christ.”

Mark Seifrid

Luke 24:30-32

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

“All other books we may read and understand with our own powers. The Bible is the book that reads us. This is the nature of its authority.”

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We don’t interpret the Bible as much as the Bible interprets us.