

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,
¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.
¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.
¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.
¹⁸Then 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?”
¹⁹And 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,
²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.
²¹But 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.
²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,
²³and 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.
²⁴Some 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.”

²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!
²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”
²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,
²⁹but 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.
³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.
³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.
³²They 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?”
³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,
³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”
³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

A Frail Faith and the Necessity of Understanding

What potential danger did these two followers of Jesus face on their way home to Emmaus?

What was the condition of these two men’s faith in Jesus when He joins them on the road?

What were the facts the men had about Jesus, and why were they still on the brink of despair?

*What was the problem with their hope in Jesus?
What is the nature of biblical hope that would have served them better in this circumstance?*

A Frail Faith and the Mercy of Intervention

What is it that informs our faith and understanding?

How was God’s mercy shown to these men in their confusion and discouragement?

Why do you suppose these men were initially prevented from recognizing Jesus by sight?

What redemptive grace is described in v.32?

How would you describe the biblical relationship between faith and sight in the life of the believer?