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THE PROPHET



“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6(NIV)



That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

He asked, “What’s this you’re discussing so intently as you walk along?” They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, “Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard what’s happened during the last few days?”



From Luke 24 (MSG)

He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people."



From Luke 24 (MSG)

Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

But now some of our women
have completely confused us.
Early this morning they were at
the tomb and couldn't find his
body. They came back with the
story that they had seen a vision
of angels who said he was alive.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus.”



From Luke 24 (MSG)

“Faith is being
sure of what we hope for and
certain of what we do not see.”
Hebrews 11:1



Then he said to them, “So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can’t you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don’t you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?”



From Luke 24 (MSG)

Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: “Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.” So he went in with them.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

Back and forth they talked.
“Didn’t we feel on fire as he
conversed with us on the road,
as he opened up the Scriptures
for us?”



From Luke 24 (MSG)

They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!"



From Luke 24 (MSG)

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

While they were saying all this, Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you." They thought they were seeing a ghost and were scared half to death. He continued with them, "Don't be upset, and don't let all these doubting questions take over.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

Look at my hands; look at my feet—it's really me. Touch me. Look me over from head to toe. A ghost doesn't have muscle and bone like this.”



From Luke 24 (MSG)

As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. They still couldn't believe what they were seeing. It was too much; it seemed too good to be true.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

He asked, "Do you have any food here?" They gave him a piece of leftover fish they had cooked. He took it and ate it right before their eyes. Then he said, "Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this:



From Luke 24 (MSG)

All the things written about me
in the Law of Moses, in the
Prophets, and in the Psalms have
to be fulfilled.”

He went on to open their
understanding of the Word of
God, showing them how to read
their Bibles this way.



From Luke 24 (MSG)

He said, "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem!"



From Luke 24 (MSG)

You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high."



From Luke 24 (MSG)

“Fix your attention on God.
You’ll be changed from the inside
out. Readily recognize what he
wants from you, and quickly
respond to it.



Romans 12:2(MSG)

Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”



Romans 12:2(MSG)

“Lord Jesus – I want to join you on your path! Give me the grace to navigate, the confidence to take each step, and the hope to experience You along the way! Thank you for loving me when I was unlovable – and guiding me when I was lost.” Amen.



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