

"QUESTIONS JESUS ASKS: WHAT IS THIS CONVERSATION YOU ARE HAVING?"

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JESUS ASKS QUESTIONS THAT LEAD PEOPLE TO A DEEPER TRUST IN HIM.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ 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.¹⁸ 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?"¹⁹ 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,²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.²¹ 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.²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,²³ 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.²⁴ 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." (Luke 24:13-24)

- 1. THE TWO DISCIPLES ARE TALKING AND WALKING.**
 - A. THE CONVERSATION IS A REFLECTION OF DOING LIFE.**
 - B. THEIR LIFE SEEMS TO LACK**
 - I. JOY
 - II. CONVICTION
 - III. HOPE
- 2. HOPE WITHOUT CERTAINTY IN A PROMISE IS JUST AN EMPTY WISH.**
 - A. WE ARE EITHER BUILDING ON ROCK OR ON SAND. (Matthew 7:24-27)**
 - B. LIFE WITH JESUS CHANGES THE CONVERSATION.**
- 3. JESUS' QUESTION MOVES US FROM WAS TO IS.**
 - A. HE IS THE REDEEMER!**
 - B. HE BRINGS LIFE, AND LIFE TO THE FULL!**
 - i. JOY—Restore to me the joy of your salvation... (Psalm 51:12 NIV)
 - ii. CONVICTION—For I am convinced that neither death nor life... (Romans 8:38-39 NIV)
 - iii. HOPE—And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Romans 5:5)
 - C. JESUS TALKS THE WALK, AND WALKS THE TALK.**

BOTTOM LINE: WE WALK AND TALK WITH HOPE IN JESUS.

GOING DEEPER

1. Take the time to make a list of the difference that having Jesus in your life has made to you, personally. Perhaps reading the words to the song, "Amazing Grace," or reading 1 Peter 2:10 will stir your thoughts.
2. What are some ways that you can recognize Jesus, or acknowledge your salvation, during your day? (Perhaps it's time for a scheduled prayer time, or Bible study, or...?)