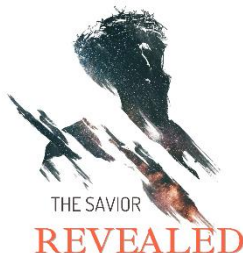


# WE HAD HOPED

Luke 24:13-35

- Apart from Jesus' resurrection, we are left BLIND and without HOPE.  
*Luke 24:13-24*
- The risen Jesus opens the Word to reveal Himself as the KING who must SUFFER and be glorified.  
*Luke 24:25-27*
- Jesus DRAWS out our faith, opening our eyes to see Him as the One who reverses the CURSE and DAWNS new creation.  
*Luke 24:28-31*
- The Word opened to reveal Jesus turns dull hearts into BURNING witnesses.  
*Luke 24:32-35*



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# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. As you think back to your life in the past and now, what are some situations that led you to the same sentiment of the disciples, “We had hoped...”? When have you felt that God failed to meet your expectations? How did this message encourage you in this?
2. Read Luke 24:13-25. The disciples knew many facts about Jesus, the crucifixion, the empty tomb, and even the angels’ report, yet they remained discouraged and confused. What does this teach us about the difference between possessing information and having spiritual understanding? Why does Jesus rebuke them for being “slow of heart to believe”? How can unbelief show up in our lives today?
3. Read Luke 24:25-26. Why is understanding that the Messiah King must both suffer and be glorified crucial to the gospel? (see also Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Daniel 7:13-14)
4. How is it true that not only is Jesus revealed through the Word, but the Word is revealed through Jesus? Where do we see Jesus in the Old Testament? What images stand out to you or raise questions for you?
5. Read Luke 24:28-31. Why do you think Jesus acted as if he were going farther? What effect does this have? How does this reveal how he works in our lives today?
6. How does Luke 24:30-31 echo Genesis 3:6-7? What does this tell us? (see also 1 Cor 15:19-22)
7. Read Luke 24:31-32. How does the disciples response show us the power of God’s Word rightly expounded? In your life, how have you seen God’s Word encourage you?
8. Read Luke 24:33-35. As soon as the disciples understood who Jesus was, they immediately returned to Jerusalem to tell others. What connection do you see between encountering Christ and sharing Him with others? What might it look like for you to be a “burning witness” this week?

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle