

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

New Testament 4

## Law/Gospel

Sin blinds me to the truth and keeps me from recognizing and believing in Jesus as my Savior.

**Jesus opens my eyes through God's Word and Sacraments so that I might believe and trust in Him.**

## Bible Words

The Lord has risen indeed! Luke 24:34

## Fun Facts

Today, we're not exactly sure where Emmaus was located, but it was clearly within a day's walk of Jerusalem.

We're also not exactly sure what *Emmaus* means. The word likely meant "hot spring," but it is uncertain.

We may not be certain about the town of Emmaus, but we are certain about what happened there! So were the two disciples, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed" (Luke 24:34)!

## Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road

Luke 24:13–35

Cleopas and his companion were sad and confused as they walked along the road to Emmaus. Even though they had heard the report of the women and some of the apostles (probably Peter and John) that Jesus was alive, they did not believe it. Their words reveal their unbelief: "We had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21, emphasis added).

When Jesus came up to them on the road, they did not recognize Him. However, this was not just a case of mistaken identity: "Their eyes were kept from recognizing Him" (v. 16, emphasis added). By divine intervention, these disciples were not permitted to recognize Jesus immediately. Instead, Jesus desired first to instruct these disciples on the necessity of His suffering and death and then to be recognized in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus' discussion with these two disciples shows that He is the center of all Scripture: "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" (v. 27). "Moses and all the Prophets" is a reference to the entire Old Testament. In other words, as they walked along the road, Jesus, using the Old Testament Scriptures, led these disciples to see all that the prophets had foretold was fulfilled in Him.

## Prayer

*Lord, thank You for promising our Savior throughout Your Word. Thank You for always keeping Your promises, including forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe in Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.*

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