



Lesson 25: *The Road to Emmaus* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and explained to them everything that was written about him in the Scriptures.
- Written on the pages of Israel's history throughout the Bible is the big story of God's Forever King.
- We can increase our faith by reading the Scriptures.

"I Wonder" Questions:

What do you see in this picture? (3 people walking on a road)

I wonder who these people are.

I wonder where they are going.

I wonder what they are talking about.

Let's find out more in our story....

Lesson Summary: This story takes place on the very same day that Jesus rose from the dead. It was the first Easter Morning and two of Jesus' disciples were walking to a town called Emmaus. Jesus joined them on their journey BUT they did not recognize that it was Jesus! He walked and talked to them and told them all the places in the Scriptures that pointed to him as the Promised and Forever King, their Messiah. Jesus explained to them that he was promised by God since the beginning of time. He reminded them of God's promise in Genesis to send someone to crush the head of the evil one. He showed them how God saved his people through the blood of the lamb at Passover, and that it pointed to Jesus as the sacrificial lamb to take away the sins of the people. There were many more stories from Moses and the prophets that were fulfilled by Jesus, stories of the Promised King's miracles and sufferings. The disciples' hearts were warmed as they listened to the Scriptures being opened up to them by this stranger. It wasn't until later that evening when they sat together at a meal that the disciples recognized that the stranger was actually Jesus! Their eyes were opened. They finally understood that the Old Testament Scriptures told of God's love and victory over sin and death and God's plan to set up a new Kingdom with his Promised Son as the Forever King. That day his disciples understood the Scriptures and now we can understand too.

Suggested Questions: What does this story tell us about Jesus? (He had a real but different body after he was resurrected. He will walk alongside us even if we have doubts. He reveals himself through the Scriptures. He wants us to know that he is the Promised One from the beginning, so that we can love and worship him. Our faith will be strengthened. He had friends and disciples, and he wants to have a friendship with us too.)

- Why were the disciples sad? (they thought that Jesus was still dead)
- Did they know that it was Jesus who was walking with them? (No)
- What are some of the stories in the Bible that point to Jesus? (Point to the referenced posters.)
- After Jesus told them about God's promises of the Forever King in the Old Testament, the disciples were strengthened in their faith and understanding of God and his wonderful plans. What can we do everyday to be strengthened too? (read our Bibles, pray)

Bible Memory Verse:

"These things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." (John 20:31a – paraphrased)