

# Easter 2022 --- Discovery

Luke 24:32-35

On Good Friday, when Jesus went to the cross for the sins of the world,  
for your sins and mine, there were those who were:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died
2. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died
3. \_\_\_\_\_ over Jesus' death

On Good Friday hell was..... I want to say to those who were.....

There were \_\_\_\_\_ appearances of Jesus after His resurrection. He 1<sup>st</sup> appeared.....

But perhaps the most astonishing appearance of Jesus after His resurrection was to 2 of His followers on the road to Emmaus. These 2 followers had a mysterious encounter with a "Stranger" that changed their lives forever.

This encounter can be divided into 3 stages:

Stage 1 involves these 2 people traveling back home from Jerusalem to Emmaus about \_\_\_\_\_ miles. Stage 1 we will call \_\_\_\_\_.

Stage 2 begins when a "Stranger" appears and joins the 2 travelers. Stage 2 we will call a \_\_\_\_\_. Stage 3, the final stage takes place in the house of one of these 2 men in Emmaus. We will call stage 3 the \_\_\_\_\_.

Now let's begin the story:

I. Stage one..... v13-14 Now discouragement is made up of 3 things.....

1. \_\_\_\_\_ now "D" began this journey for these 2 men, for they had heard the testimony..... their "D" was followed by...
2. \_\_\_\_\_ v 21 All their dreams were crucified with Jesus for they heard Jesus say "destroy..... so their "D" led to their "D" which led to their...
3. \_\_\_\_\_ so as they walk back to Emmaus they were overwhelmed with.....

II. Stage two..... v15-21

Now when Jesus appears with these 2 men He asks them, "What.....  
Cleopas answers Jesus' question with one of the most ironic ..... Bible  
Cleopas accuses Jesus of being a clueless outsider a.....

Now in this encounter we get to see Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ from God's perspective.

Now these 2 men begin to tell \_\_\_\_\_ what they believed about \_\_\_\_\_,  
unaware they were talking to \_\_\_\_\_ !

They described Jesus' suffering, His..... But yet they had not processed the ONE thing they needed to believe and that was..... v21-24

Key thought: It's \_\_\_\_\_ to be a Christian and not understand the resurrection but it's \_\_\_\_\_ to be a Christian ..... and deny the resurrection.

Without the resurrection of Jesus we have NO Christianity.

Christianity rises and falls on 3 words.....

The one thing that separates Christianity from all other religions.....  
Muhammad lived, he died, was buried and he's dead. Buddha..... Confucius.....

But Jesus lived, He died, was buried and He is ALIVE TODAY !

Paul said in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15, "if Christ be not risen we are all men most miserable."

Now up to this point in our story Jesus has been listening to these 2 men,  
but now He joins into the discussion. v25-27

Picture this: as these 3 men are walking down the road and Jesus finishes preaching.....

The Bible says as they came to Emmaus..... End of stage 2

III. Final stage the stage of.....

As Jesus goes home with these 2 men they are about to discuss..... v30-31

It's interesting that it wasn't Jesus' opening the ..... that caused them to recognize that the "Stranger" was indeed the Lord Jesus Christ. Now watch this: They finally recognized it was Jesus when He \_\_\_\_\_ with them. For as Jesus took the ..... they looked down and saw in the palm of His hand a \_\_\_\_\_ !

Can you imagine their reaction, all of a sudden the "light" came on  
and they realized that the ONE they have.....

This ONE who has been traveling with us is Jesus, He's alive and as quickly as..... v32

Notice: Jesus opened their \_\_\_\_\_, He opened the \_\_\_\_\_ and now  
He will open their \_\_\_\_\_. v32-35

These men were so energized after discovering Jesus they go back.....

They had just walked 7 miles and now they're going back to..... 14 miles

I guarantee you the 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 miles was a ..... AMEN

Because once you meet Jesus the Risen Savior everything about LIFE changes ---  
no longer..... but now HOPE and JOY !

I can almost hear these 2 men singing as they are going back to Jerusalem  
"....."

As we think about this Easter story and these 2 followers of Jesus,  
I want to say 3 things.

Jesus always comes to us in 3 ways:

1. Jesus comes to us in our \_\_\_\_\_.

He comes to us wherever we are. Sometimes in our.....

2. Jesus comes to us by \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible says Jesus opened up the Scriptures.....

God gave us this Book for one major reason.

**John 20:31** *but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*

3. Jesus comes to us ONLY BY \_\_\_\_\_. Revelation 3:20