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## Luke 24:13-35

**13** That very same day, two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and they were talking together about all that had happened. **15** Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; **16** but something prevented them from recognising him. **17** He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. **25** Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! **26** Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' **27** Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. **28** When they drew near to the village to which they were going he made as if to go on; **29** but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening,' they said, 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. **30** Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. **31** And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. **32** Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' **33** They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, **34** who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' **35** Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Other readings: Acts 2:14,22-33 Psalm 15 (16) 1 Peter 1:17-21

Due to the length of this reading the central part has been omitted. You are invited to read the complete story, Luke 24:13-35, in your own Bible.

The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is perhaps the most endearing of the Easter appearances. The Risen Jesus brings new hope to two men who have lost all hope. He feeds their minds and their hearts by explaining the Scriptures to them. His true identity is revealed in the bread he breaks for them. Their experience is offered to us too at every Eucharist, as we receive the Word and the Sacrament and are strengthened in holiness.

*Do our hearts burn within us as we are nourished by the Scriptures?*

*What can we do to ensure this is so?*

*We pray for a deeper appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist.*

*May the hope brought by the Risen Christ truly transform us.*