

Eyes of the Heart

Luke 24:13–35

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O God, you come and walk beside us. You accompany us into the unknown and challenge us to see the world with new eyes. Remind us of your vision, again and again. Amen.

The exact location of Emmaus, where the two disciples see the risen Christ in Luke 24:13–35, is unknown. Emmaus may be anywhere. Hearts burning and eyes opening do not occur in only one geographical or spiritual place. Emmaus comes into sight wherever a path leads us toward communion with God and whenever we recognize the risen Christ among us.

When Jesus joins the two travellers on the road, they do not recognize him immediately; perhaps their grief and loss blind them. When they offer Jesus hospitality, a sign of love, and when he blesses and breaks bread, the revelation happens, and they recognize the stranger with whom they have been walking and talking.

A transformation occurs within the travellers; they shift from standing still in a state of sadness to being “on fire” with hope. In great haste, they return to Jerusalem to tell the other followers of Jesus what they have experienced: Christ’s resurrection and their own.