

Lesson II. THE JOURNEY TO EMMAUS—EASTER LESSON April 12, 1914

LESSON SETTING—The events of the Lesson took place in the afternoon of our Lord's resurrection day.
GOLDEN TEXT—It was Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead.—Romans 8 : 34 (Rev. Ver.).

Memorize vs. 31, 32. **THE LESSON PASSAGE**—Luke 24 : 13-35.

13 And, behold, two of them¹ went that² same day, to a village³ called Emmaus, which was⁴ from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14 And they⁵ talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass,⁶ that, while they communed⁷ together and reasoned, Je'sus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What⁸ manner of communications are these that ye have one⁹ to another, as ye¹⁰ walk, and are sad?

18 And¹¹ the one of them,¹² whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him,¹³ Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and¹⁴ hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him,¹⁵ Concerning Je'sus of Naz'areth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him¹⁶ to be condemned to death, and¹⁷ have crucified him.

21 But we¹⁸ trusted that it had been he which should¹⁹ have redeemed Israel: and beside all this,²⁰ to day is the third day since these things²¹ were done.

22 Yea, and certain women²² also of our company²³ made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre:

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

Revised Version—¹ were going; ² very day; ³ named; ⁴ threescore furlongs from Jerusalem; ⁵ communed with each other of all; ⁶ Omit that; ⁷ and questioned together, that Jesus; ⁸ Omit manner of; ⁹ with; ¹⁰ walk? And they stood still, looking sad; ¹¹ Omit the; ¹² named Cleopas; ¹³ Dost thou alone sojourn in; ¹⁴ not know? ¹⁵ The things concerning; ¹⁶ up; ¹⁷ Omit have; ¹⁸ hoped that it was; ¹⁹ redeem Israel. Yea and; ²⁰ it is now the; ²¹ came to pass; ²² Moreover certain; ²³ Omit also; ²⁴ amazed us, having been early at the tomb; ²⁵ that were; ²⁶ tomb; ²⁷ And he; ²⁸ foolish men; ²⁹ in all; ³⁰ Behoved it not the Christ to suffer these; ³¹ from; ³² interpreted to them; ³³ were going; ³⁴ go; ³⁵ And they; ³⁶ now far; ³⁷ abide; ³⁸ when he had sat down with them to meat; ³⁹ the; ⁴⁰ Was; ⁴¹ burning; ⁴² spake to us in the way; ⁴³ Omit and; ⁴⁴ that very hour; ⁴⁵ rehearsed the things that happened.

Daily Readings—(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey, London, England.)—M.—The journey to Emmaus, Luke 24 : 13-27. T.—The journey to Emmaus, Luke 24 : 28-35. W.—Gethsemane, Matt. 26 : 36-46. Th.—The Man of Sorrows, Isa. 53 : 1-9. F.—Calvary, Matt. 27 : 33-50. S.—The grave, Matt. 27 : 57-66. S.—The resurrection morn, Luke 24 : 1-12.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE STRANGE COMPANION.—13-15. Two of them; not of the eleven apostles (v. 33), but of the other disciples. Emmaus. The site of this village is uncertain. It probably lay to the northwest of Jerusalem. (See Geography Lesson.) Threescore furlongs; 7½ miles. Communed (Rev. Ver.); talked together. All these things; the death of Jesus and all that had taken place since. Questioned (Rev. Ver.). They were deeply perplexed, not understanding how Jesus could claim to be the Messiah and have so great power, and yet die a shameful death on the cross. Jesus . . . drew near; having overtaken them, since He came from Jerusalem, v. 18.

16-18. Eyes were holden; prevented from recognizing Him, because they were not expecting to see Him and because He had greatly changed in appearance since His rising again. What . . . communications are these, etc.; literally, "what are these words which you are exchanging ('throwing back and forth')?" Cleopas. Nothing more is known of this man. Dost thou alone sojourn . . . (Rev.

24 And certain of them²⁵ which were with us went to the²⁶ sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said; but him they saw not.

25²⁷ Then he said unto them, O²⁸ fools, and slow of heart to believe²⁹ all that the prophets have spoken: ³⁰ Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning³¹ at Mo'ses and³² all the prophets, he³³ expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they³⁴ went: and he made as though he would³⁵ have gone further.

29³⁶ But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is³⁷ far spent. And he went in to³⁸ tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass,³⁹ as he sat at meat with them, he took⁴⁰ bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another,⁴¹ Did not our heart⁴² burn within us, while he⁴³ talked with us by the way,⁴⁴ and while he opened to us the scriptures?

33 And they rose up⁴⁵ the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35 And they⁴⁶ told w⁴⁷ at things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in⁴⁸ breaking of⁴⁹ bread.

Ver.)? "Art thou a solitary stranger?" Surely if He had talked with any one He would have known the wonderful things which had happened.

19-24. A prophet; one who speaks for God. Chief priests; mentioned first because they had taken



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the lead in bringing about the death of Jesus.