

**Finding Jesus in the Unexpected**  
**The Ultimate Triumph – Part 12**  
Life Church St. Louis – July 2, 2023  
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*Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

*John 20:29 (ESV) Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*

*Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ defeats misunderstanding**

*Luke 24:13-14 (ESV) That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.*

*Luke 24:15-16 (ESV) While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.*

*Luke 24:17-18 (ESV) And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”*

*Luke 24:20-21 (ESV) and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.*

**2. Find \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of doubt**

*Luke 24:25-26 (ESV) And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”*

*Luke 24:27 (ESV) And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

*Luke 24:28-29 (ESV) So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ overcomes unawareness**

*Luke 24:30-31 (ESV) When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.*

*Luke 24:32-33 (ESV) They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,*

*Luke 24:34-35 (ESV) saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

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Intro. Why are we tempted to lean on our own understanding in life (Proverbs 3:5-6)?

How can someone believe in something they have not seen (John 20:29)?

In what ways does Isaiah 55:8-9 help us trust God more?

1A. How do you think the crucifixion of Jesus had affected these two disciples (Luke 24:13-14)?

1B. Why do you think that the two disciples did not recognize Jesus (Luke 24:17-18)?

1C. Describe the emotional roller coaster these disciples had been on (Luke 24:17-21).

1D. What is an area in your life that hasn't turned out as you expected and you are losing hope in?

2A. In what ways did Jesus indicate that the thinking of these disciples was not good (Luke 24:25-26)?

2B. What are some of the ways that the Old Testament scripture talked about Jesus (Luke 24:27)?

2C. What impact do you think this Scripture lesson had on the two disciples (Luke 24:28-29)?

2D. How can the light of God's Word dispel the darkness of doubt in your life and the lives of those around you?

3A. What do you think caused the disciples to finally recognize Jesus (Luke 24:30-31)?

3B. Why did the hearts of the disciples burn when Jesus shared the Scripture with them (Luke 24:32-33)?

3C. How did the emotions of the disciples shift when they realized that Jesus had risen from the dead (Luke 24:34-35)?

3D. What are three ways that you can recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread in your life?