

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 77. On the road to Emmaus

**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Luke 24:13-49

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him. (v.13-16)

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. (v.27)

...he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. (v.30b-31)



### What does this Bible passage tell us?

I was once walking through London and I met someone I knew. However, I did not immediately recognise her because I was not expecting her to be there.

The two friends in our passage did not recognise Jesus (v.16), perhaps because He was the last person they expected to meet. Had He not been crucified and died three days earlier? Even though the women had told them that He was alive, they were very sad and confused (v.17b).

Jesus met the two friends where they were and listened carefully to their story as they explained what had happened in Jerusalem. He then told them His story, referring them to the Scriptures. When they reached their journey's end, He was about to continue but they invited Him to stay with them. As He broke the bread at supper, they suddenly recognised Him and He disappeared. Then they realised how much His earlier words had excited them (v.32) and hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples that they had seen Him.

Some people say that they will turn to God when they have sorted out their lives. But God wants to be involved in sorting out their lives and our lives, too. We need to listen to Jesus, to learn from Him and to respond to Him. Jesus always offers us an invitation - He will meet us where we are, not where we think we should be.

### Reflections:

- Jesus explained the Scriptures to the two friends. If you are ever confused when reading the Bible, pray about it and also ask Chaplaincy for some Bible Study notes.
- Think of moments when you have felt God very near to you. Write them down or draw pictures to remind you of them.
- If you sometimes feel you have to sort out your life before you reach out to Jesus, remember that He wants to help you on the journey. He will be with you in both the good and the bad times.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

