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# The Power of the Movement

The Church is a Movement with  
Unstoppable Power because  
Jesus is Alive

“That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, & they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking & discussing together,

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus himself drew near & went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?'

Luke 24:13-35

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 24:13-35

And he said to them, 'What things?'  
And they said to him, 'Concerning  
Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a  
prophet mighty in deed & word before  
God & all the people, & how our chief  
priests & rulers delivered him up to be  
condemned to death,

Luke 24:13-35



& crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, & besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us.

Luke 24:13-35



They were at the tomb early in the morning, & when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

Luke 24:13-35

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb & found it just as the woman had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, & slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

Luke 24:13-35

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things & enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses & all of the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:13-35

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 & the day is now far spent.'

Luke 24:13-35

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread & blessed & broke it & gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, & they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

Luke 24:13-35



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 & returned to Jerusalem.

Luke 24:13-35

And they found the eleven & those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, & has appeared to Simon!'

Luke 24:13-35



Then they told what had happened on the road, & how he was known to them in the breaking of bread.”

Luke 24:13-35

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# I. For the Confused: Jesus is Present

“The disciples saw in Jesus the one who would bring a new Exodus & free the nation from its Roman captors. Instead Jesus proved to be something much more —

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the Redeemer who freed them from sin & death. But at this point the two on the road to Emmaus had no idea of this.”

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“These were discouraged & disappointed because God did not do what they wanted Him to do.”

Warren Wiersbe

“The LORD is near to all who call on him...”

Psalm 145:18a



II. For the Willing:  
Jesus will Clarify

“The Word of God incarnate explained  
the written Word of God.”

Kent Hughes

“...he (Messiah) shall bruise your head,  
& you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15b

“But he (Messiah) was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, & with his wounds we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5

“For dogs encompass me (Messiah); a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands & feet.”

Psalm 22:16

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# III. For the Convinced: Jesus Empowers



“Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them,

John 20:24-26

‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, & place my finger into the mark of the nails, & place my hand into his side, I will never believe.’

John 20:24-26

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, & Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came & stood among them & said, 'Peace be with you.'"

John 20:24-26

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, & see my hands; & put out your hand, & place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’

John 20:27

“Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord & my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen & yet have believed.’”

John 20:28-29

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“After this I looked, & behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes & peoples & languages, standing before the throne & before the Lamb,

Revelation 7:9-10



clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, & crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, & to the Lamb!’”

Revelation 7:9-10

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