

Luke 24:13-35

A reading for four voices

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Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

TWO and THREE

While they were talking and discussing,

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Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them,

FOUR

What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?

ONE

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

TWO

Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?

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He asked them, "What things?"

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They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

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and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death

TWO and THREE

and crucified him.

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But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

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Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels

TWO and THREE

who said that he was alive.

THREE

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

FOUR

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

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Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying,

TWO and THREE

Stay with us,

THREE

because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.

FOUR

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

TWO and THREE

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him

TWO

and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other,

TWO and THREE

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

ONE

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying,

TWO and THREE

The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!

ONE

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ALL

The Word of the Lord!

CONGREGATION

Thanks be to God!