

"The Road Emmaus"

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Synopsis

The two men encounter Jesus on the road to Emmaus. One man gives the biblical account of the tragic event that occurred during the Passover Feast, while the other man gives a modern day account of the tragedy that is occurring in his life today. In both instances, Jesus' response, the eternal Word of God, satisfies our past, present, and future problems.

Scripture:

Luke 24:13-32

Ministry Lesson

We can turn times of sadness to gladness if we remember that we have eternal victory through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Theme

Resurrection

Cast/Readers

Narrator	- Normal attire
Biblical Man	- Dressed in biblical attire
Modern Man	- Dressed in modern day attire
Jesus	- Dressed in a white robe

Props

Scripts in notebook

Sound EFX

None

Production Notes

Two male readers are positioned together, center stage. The third reader (Jesus) is positioned one footstep behind the other two readers, center stage left. Jesus' back is turned to the audience at the beginning of the presentation. The representation of Jesus appearing/disappearing will be presented as Jesus turns toward and away from the audience. *Having Jesus walk on and off stage would distract the audience from what is being spoken during those moments.*

The Road To Emmaus

Narrator: After Jesus died on the cross, His disciples and followers were in great despair. They did not believe the report from the women that Jesus had been raised from the grave. Listen, as two men on their way back home (one to Emmaus and the other to your home town) come into contact with our risen Lord.

Biblical Man: Come my friend, we must pick up the pace if we wish to reach Emmaus before evening.

Modern Man: Yeah man, let's go. We have a long trip back to [your home city].

Biblical Man: There is nothing left for us back there. The Passover Feast has ended. Perhaps, it's safer for us to leave Jerusalem.

Modern Man: *(disappointed)* This trip was supposed to be different. We were supposed to have a celebration.

Biblical Man: *(painfully)* The past two days have been days of sorrow, not one of celebration...now that Jesus has been crucified.

Modern Man: No matter how much you try to help people, no matter how good you are, there's always someone who wants to bring you down.

Biblical Man: And Judas was supposed to be His friend. He walked with Him and ate with Him.

Modern Man: Sometimes, Satan uses the people closest to you.

Biblical Man: Judas witnessed His miracles and prayed with Him.

Modern Man: Sometimes, Satan uses the people you trust the most.

Biblical Man: Then Judas turned against Him.

Modern Man: That's just how Satan works. He'll use the people who pretend they love you.

Biblical Man: The image of Jesus' torment and pain will forever haunt me.

Modern Man: I thought that once I believed in Jesus everything would be alright.

Biblical Man: The shouts and jeers of the crowd still ring in my ears.

Modern Man: I thought if I showed love, I would get love in return.

Biblical Man: I felt His gasps for air, and my soul was emptied as He struggled to take His last breath of life.

Modern Man: *(Sad)* I feel so alone sometimes, it seems like God has left me.

JESUS TURNS TO FACE THE AUDIENCE

Biblical Man: *(hopelessly)* Perhaps, He was not the One.

Modern Man: Perhaps, there is no hope for me.

Jesus: What is troubling you and why are you so sad?

Modern Man: Don't you know about all the things that have happened in my life?

Jesus: What things?

Biblical Man: Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, the prophet and preacher. One who did great miracles before all the people, then they crucified Him.

Modern Man: (Sad) I had hoped God would be able to help me make it through.

Biblical Man: They buried Him in a tomb just outside of the city three days ago. (Laughing) Can you believe some of the women came back this morning shouting that He has risen?

Modern Man: Women get too emotional sometimes. My wife tells me that resurrection story every year.

Biblical Man: But Peter also went to the tomb and returned saying the body is gone, but the linen wrapping remained in place.

Modern Man: Even if it were true, that was 2,000 years ago.

End of Preview

As the modern man continues to interact with Jesus, he comes to the realization that Jesus is more than a 2,000 year old story, He is the living savior of the world.
