

# Lessons on the road to Emmaus Resurrection morning-

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## I. Text: Luke 24:13-21, 28-31

### II. Resurrection is the single most important event in Christianity. Not Easter or the bunny but resurrection of the son of the living God, the Christ.

#### A. The holiday Easter is a compromise the church made to vacate a pagan holiday with a religious one.

“St. Bede the Venerable, the 6 century author of *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* (“Ecclesiastical History of the English People”), maintains that the English word “Easter” comes from *Eostre*, or *Eostræ*, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Other historians maintain the “Easter” derives from *in albis*, a Latin phrase that's plural for *alba*, or “dawn,” that became *eostarum* in Old High German, a precursor to the English language of today. Despite its significance as a Christian holy day, many of the traditions and symbols that play a key role in Easter observances actually have roots in pagan celebrations—particularly the pagan goddess Eostre—and in the Jewish holiday of Passover.”

#### B. Without the resurrection Christianity is just another religion. Job 19:25-26

Job 19:25-26 (KJV)

<sup>25</sup> For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

<sup>26</sup> And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

#### C. We are saved because of the cross and the resurrection-

Romans 10:9 (KJV)

<sup>9</sup> That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

## III. Lessons

#### A. These two were going somewhere, but they had no good news. “Two of them” they had heard the good news from Mary about what the angels said but were still discouraged because they didn’t believe it. They left before Peter

## **B. The “D’s”**

**Luke 24:17 (HCSB)**

**<sup>17</sup> Then He asked them, “What is this dispute that you’re having with each other as you are walking?” And they stopped [walking and looked] discouraged.**

Have you ever noticed that some of the saddest words in our language begin with the letter D? For example, disappointment, doubt, disillusionment, defeat, discouragement, despondency, depression, despair and death.

Movie producer Woody Allen once gave the commencement address at Yale University. He said the following: *“Our civilization stands at the crossroads. Down one road is despondency and despair. Down the other road is total annihilation. I hope we’ll take the right road.”* Woody Allen was obviously trying to be funny, but his statement reflects the despair and pessimism of our times.

**Resurrection gives us all a reason to be confident in God’s word**

## **C. Jesus drew near to them even in their unbelief and strife- “We had hoped...” v. 21**

## **D. They saw him but did not recognize them-**

## **E. He says wasn’t this supposed to happen?**

**Luke 24:27 (HCSB)**

**<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted for them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.**

## **F. “Stay with us”**

## **G. He communed with them and they recognized**

“The key to recognizing Jesus for who He was would be the illumination of God through the Scriptures.”

— Tom Constable's Notes on the Bible

**Luke 24:31 (KJV)**

**<sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.**

## **H. They immediately went back to Jerusalem- Tell others now don’t wait!**