



Series: Easter Sunday
Passage Luke 24:1-27
Title: The Gospel of Cleopas
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Discussion Starter – What is the most interesting takeaway you have from looking at the Easter story from the experience of Cleopas and the other disciple’s encounter with Jesus?

The Resurrection of Jesus (Luke 24:1-12)

- Who were the two men in shining garments and what was the point of the question they asked of the women?
- Since Jesus had already foretold His death and resurrection, why do you think these women were not anticipating His resurrection? What are some of God’s truths that we seem to forget when we are in the middle of difficult circumstances? Read Matthew 20:18-19.
- Why do we need to be careful about the tendency of worshiping a dead man or the empty tomb? Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-23. What insights does this passage give us on this topic?
- What is the spiritual significance of the women finally remembering at this moment... Jesus’ words about His death and resurrection? What similar experiences have you had with God’s word being brought back to your remembrance?
- What transition do you see taking place in the women’s lives just after they remember Jesus’ words? How is this transition applicable to us when we meditate on God’s word today?
- Read Luke 8:1-3. What do you see contained in these verses that might explain why these women would have been the first ones to seek out Jesus?
- Why do you think the men disregarded the witness of the women? Based on Peter’s later reaction to the news, what insights does this give us about our own witnessing to others?
- Read John 20:1-10. What additional things of interest are mentioned in John’s version of the events of this story? Why do you think it mentions that John believed but not Peter?

The Gospel of Cleopas (Luke 24:13-27)

- Why do you think Jesus initially restrains the sight of the two disciples from being able to recognize Him?
- When Jesus asked them what things they were sad about what did they reveal that might have kept them from remembering what He had already foretold about what was going to happen to Him?
- Describe in your own words what it means to be “slow of heart to believe”. What message was Jesus conveying here to these disciples? What was the purpose of Jesus’ next question to them in verse 26?
- How does understanding God’s word allow our faith to grow? What stories in the bible stand out to you the most as pointing to Jesus and the gospel message? How has this impacted your faith?