



EASTER: THE COMEBACK KING

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LUKE 24:13-35 NIV

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, **“What are you discussing together as you walk along?”** They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 **“What things?”** he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth.” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and out rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he as alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” 25 He said to them, **“How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”** 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

NOTES (THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

ALL IN, TOGETHER

General Budget

2024 Weekly Budget:	\$10,967
Given March 24th:	\$9,860
Difference:	(\$1,107)

2024 Annual Budget:	\$570,284
2024 Budget YTD:	\$131,604
2024 Given YTD:	\$160,886
Difference:	\$29,282

Build Your Church Fund

BYC March 24th:	\$797
BYC Total Given:	\$617,384

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GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Where have you experienced a comeback from a setback in your life? Are you waiting on a comeback right now?

Have you allowed disbelief to keep you sitting in your setback?

Has the resurrection of Jesus ever felt far-fetched or too good to be true?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 NIV

TAKE A STEP:

Easter is a day of celebration in that Jesus has conquered death. Allow Him to conquer the setbacks in your life as well.

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