



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: **What Happens After Easter?**  
Speaker: **Matthew Manno - NextGen Pastor**  
Scriptures: **Luke 24:13-35**

**On the Road to Emmaus**

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] 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 our 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 was 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.

**Sermon Summary:**

Easter is powerful—but what happens the day after, when life quietly returns to normal? This Sunday, we’ll explore the disciples’ journey on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of Luke, discovering how Jesus Christ reveals himself not only in the miraculous but also in the quiet, everyday moments we often overlook.

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Share a time in your life when things did not turn out at all like you hoped and you found yourself in a time of disappointment and disillusion. Did you sense God in it or was it hard to recognize where he was at work?
2. Why do you think it took the disciples on the Emmaus road so long to recognize Jesus?
3. When in your life have you experienced suddenly being able to see God present and at work in the situation when you didn't before?
4. The disciples got up and walked the 7 miles back to Jerusalem in order to tell the story of their encounter with Jesus. Pastor Matt encouraged us to, "Tell somebody!" Who do you sense God inviting you to tell a story of encountering Jesus with?
5. Pastor Matt gave three invitations for this week at the end of his sermon:
  - Give God 10 intentional unhurried moments
  - Pick one ordinary moment in your week and stay there a little longer and ask, "Jesus what are you up to here?"
  - Tell people where you found Jesus- tell someone the story

Which invitation do you sense is the most important for you to practice and why?