



## *Don't Miss the Manger*

Preacher – Ben Rounds | Text – Luke 24:13-35

### Summary:

On the road to Emmaus, the risen Lord meets two of his disciples. They are despondent at the death of Jesus and the apparent dashing of their hopes for national renewal and the restoration of the throne of Israel. As Jesus walks with them, he takes them back through the Scriptures, showing them how the promises of God were fulfilled in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of the Messiah. And as their hearts were prepared to believe, Jesus stopped and shared a meal with them, and their eyes were opened to see him! In that moment, their joy was restored and everything changed for them – forever.

### Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. Why were the disciples sad? What does the text say?
3. **Application:** What might cause you to feel defeated and discouraged like those disciples? How does this attitude show up in your life?
4. Why do you think they couldn't recognize Jesus?

5. In vv. 22-24, we see that they had some information that Jesus' death may not have been as final as it seemed. Why do you think this information didn't help their mood?
  
6. Why do you think Jesus thinks it necessary to take them back through Scriptures they were already familiar with (v. 27)? How would this help?
  
7. **Application:** Can you name a time when the Scriptures have been a source of encouragement, joy, or relief/comfort to you?
  
8. How do the disciples end up recognizing Jesus? What changes for them from v. 16 to v. 31?
  
9. **Application:** What might keep you from recognizing Jesus when he's standing right in front of you? How can you avoid this?
  
10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose Luke had (as the author) in writing this passage?