

**Episode:** One-Hit Wonders No. 4

**Narrator:** Cleopas

**Primary Scriptures:** Luke 24:13-35

**Story Summary:** After his resurrection, Jesus meets with two believers walking to Emmaus

**Location:** Emmaus, Israel

**Time:** Circa 30 AD

**Suggested Memory Scriptures:** Luke 24:26-27

Luke is the only Gospel writer to include this story of the two believers walking to Emmaus. It is a testament to his desire to exhaust all reliable resources in writing about Jesus to Theophilus as discussed in Luke 1:1-4. It is quite possible Luke talked directly to Cleopas about this story because it has such depth and detail.

It is not possible to be entirely certain about the timing of the resurrection story, but John 20:11-18 indicates Mary Magdalene was the first to see Jesus after his resurrection. John follows that event by saying Jesus met with his disciples.

Luke tells the story of Jesus meeting the two on the road to Emmaus, followed by them joining the disciples, and Jesus meeting with all of them. From these two accounts, it might be surmised that Jesus met with Mary Magdalene first, the disciples on the road to Emmaus next, and then with his apostles and other believers.

As usual, this story leaves out so many details we want to know. Who was the other person with Cleopas? Why did Jesus choose to appear to them? Why did Jesus disguise himself for the first part of the conversation? How did the two disciples react when this was all over? So many questions with no answers.

There is one verse in the story that seems to be of utmost importance. Luke 24:27 reads, "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." Something similar is told to the apostles and other believers a short time later in Luke 24:44-47.

There are various ways to interpret these verses. For instance, one way is to conclude all of the verses in the Old Testament have to do with Jesus. Another way is to conclude all of the verses in the Old Testament having to do with Jesus are true and have been fulfilled. There are certainly other variations which have been believed.

In any event, the early Christians and Christian writers would go on to use the Old Testament extensively to prove Jesus was the savior of all mankind predicted in the Scriptures.