

“Your Emmaus Road”

Tuesday Bible Lunch

Luke 24:15 (pg. 939)

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Introduction: One of the places in the Holy Land that is very special to Dottie and to me is the Emmaus Road. The reason it is so special to us is because on one of our trips to the Holy Land I took a picture of Dottie and her Father walking on the Emmaus Road.

The story in the Bible about two men walking on the Emmaus Road is also one of my favorite Bible stories. The story is in Luke’s gospel (24:13-35). (In Mark’s gospel, there are two verses that refer to the story (Mark 16:12-13).

TEXT: Luke 24:15

- Emmaus is mentioned nowhere else in Scripture.
- Its exact location is not known, but tradition says it is 7 miles northwest of Jerusalem.
- On most of our Holy Land trips we do not go to the Emmaus Road because of time.
- The two men that were walking on the Emmaus Road were not any of the eleven disciples. (One was named Cleopas and none of the eleven was named Cleopas. In Luke 25:33-35, we read that they returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven and told them.)

T.S. In Luke 24:15, three things are mentioned that can keep us on our “Emmaus Road” in 2018.

1. “Jesus Himself”
2. “drew near”
3. “went with them”

In 2018, if we understand that “Jesus Himself” is with us from the first day of the January until the last day of December our hearts will “burn within us.”

Application: Jesus Himself is really with us, invisibly yet none the less personally.

Illustration: I spend a lot of time alone. It is the nature of my work. Knowing Jesus Himself is with me is an “Emmaus Road” feeling.

Illustration: There are times I can be in a room full of people, yet feel alone. Then I remember, Jesus Himself is with me.

Illustration: Jesus drew near to the two men on the Emmaus Road when they were talking about Him.

Application: The blessings we forfeit when we are with other Christians without any mention of Jesus.

In 2018, if we understand that Jesus Himself not only draws near to us in January , but goes with us to the end of December to guide us, guard us, and renew us.

Conclusion: My prayer for all of us is that in 2018 we will live one the “Emmaus Road” with Jesus Himself near us and going with us.