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# sermon discussion guide week 4

CONSIDER

Jesus is the only one who can close the distance between your doubt and stronger faith.

Pastor Kyle opened up Luke 24 and talked about the 7-mile walk of doubt. What was the circumstance that made these followers rethink all they had believed?



What is something or someone you "had hoped" would be the difference maker in your life but left you disappointed or confused?

### focus verse

And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <u>21 But we had</u> hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Luke 24:19-21.

"Jesus listens to their story of doubt." Pastor Kyle

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#### PAUSE + PONDER

Why do you think the disciples did not recognize Jesus until he sat down and had a meal with them? 30 "When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30–31).

Why do you think Luke makes this connection *again* between who Jesus is and the food he is sharing with his disciples?

#### Read the following out loud:

33 And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, <u>and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.</u> (Lk. 24:33–35).

What do you think the significance is of seeing Jesus in an ordinary, everyday setting like a meal after his resurrection?

**Read Matthew 1:23:** "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us").

What does it mean to you that "God is with us"?

