

## What Jesus said on the Road to Emmaus

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus interpreted, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, what referred to Him in all the scriptures (cf. Luke 24:27). Here are some excerpts from the Bible that Jesus could have pointed out to the two disciples:

“A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kindred; that is the one to whom you shall listen.” (Dt 18:15)

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me... All who see me mock me; they curl their lips and jeer; they shake their heads at me...They have pierced my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones. They stare at me and gloat; they divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots.” (Ps 22:2, 8, 17-19).

“He was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by His wounds we were healed.” (Is 53:5)

Jesus opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures, that it was necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into His glory (cf. Lk 24:26). What Jesus revealed was that His death was not a failure, as the disciples might have thought – that the chief priests and rulers handed Him over to a sentence of death and crucified Him (cf. Lk 24:20) – and that was the end of it. What they did not expect was that their Master has risen from the dead, and was conversing with them – explaining to them that His suffering and death was a necessary part for the fulfillment of God’s plan of redemption.

It is interesting to note that Christians view the suffering servant in Isaiah 53 as the suffering Messiah, and that it is a direct prophecy of the Passion and Death of Jesus the Messiah. This view holds that Jesus the Messiah bore the sins of humanity as He suffered, died and was buried. However, Jewish scholars view the suffering servant in Isaiah 53 as the nation of Israel in exile – that the Jewish nation is despised and persecuted by the world, as it suffers for the sins of the nations, bearing their iniquities.

Continuing on with Luke 24, the two disciples would later recall that as Jesus interpreted the scriptures to them, their hearts “burned” within them. That “your heart is burning within you” means that you are having an intense spiritual experience – a profound realization of God’s presence, the truth of Scripture, or a moment of divine inspiration that ignites faith and passion.

However, it was not until the breaking of the bread that they recognized that the one they had been conversing with was the risen Lord! Perhaps at that very moment, the disciples wished that now that Jesus was still alive, things could go back to the way it was before Jesus was arrested and put to death; but as soon as their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, He vanished from their sight (cf. Lk 24:31). Jesus still had a plan in store for them – He wanted them to preach, in His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins, to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem (cf. Lk 24:47).

Many times, people who are going through a tough period in life wish that things could have been the way they were before all their troubles began. Other times, people who are

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struggling with some physical, mental or spiritual challenge say, “I was never like this before.” May the lesson of the road to Emmaus teach us that the solution is never about going back to the way things were – that kind of desire leads to nowhere but disappointment and more seriously – to depression, because we could never go back in time. Jesus wants us to recognize Him right where we are, and the only solution to our problems is to walk forward and to go on with life with what we have been given, because our mission in life still awaits to be fulfilled. Only then will our hopelessness be transformed into a joyful recognition of the Resurrection.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, we will have a joint meeting today after the 10:30 AM Mass.

The Global Federation of Chinese Business Women Atlanta Chapter will be holding the 2026 Annual Trade Show on April 26, 2026 in Chinatown at 377 New Peachtree Rd, Chamblee 30341. Our church has been given a space to participate and we would like to take this opportunity to promote our church in the greater Chinese community of Atlanta. At the same time, we will need volunteers to be present from 1-4:00pm. If you are able to help, please contact Ticheng or Tian Shih.

Did you know that you can make donations to the church directly from your retirement account? Each time you make a distribution from your retirement account, it is counted as taxable income. However, if you make a donation (up to \$108,000), to qualified charities through QCD (Qualified Charitable Distributions), these donations, although not tax-deductible, are excluded from taxable income. Many older retired donors use this strategy to lower their taxable income, but it also satisfies Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) without increasing their adjusted gross income (AGI). Consult your financial advisor or contact your retirement account specialist.

Prayer List: Jasmine Ho, Michael Tan, Bian Meiyi, Chen Shupeng, Lydia Chen, David Wang, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing and Xu Taicheng.

<b>Mass Schedule</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	By Appointment	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)		
	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Sundays 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	First Fridays after 7:00 PM Mass	
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)		
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		