

**~EMMAUS (114)**  
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- The village toward which Cleopas and a fellow disciple were journeying when they were joined by the materialized Jesus Christ on the day of his resurrection. It was not, however, until after they reached **Emmaus** and Jesus was reclining with them at the meal that they recognized him. Following Jesus subsequent disappearance the two disciples returned to Jerusalem that same evening.
- But, look! On that very day two of them were journeying to a village about seven miles distant from Jerusalem and named **Emmaus**. (**Luke 24:13**)
- And they were conversing with each other over all these things that had come about. (**Luke 24:14**)
- Now as they were conversing and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began walking with them. (**Luke 24:15**)
- But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. (**Luke 24:16**)
- He said to them; What are these matters that you are debating between yourselves as you walk along? And they stood still with sad faces. (**Luke 24:17**)
- In answer the one named Cleopas said to him; Are you dwelling as an alien by yourself in Jerusalem and so do not know the things that have occurred in her in these days? (**Luke 24:18**)
- And he said to them; What things? They said to him; The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who became a prophet powerful in work and word before God and all the people. (**Luke 24:19**)
- And how our chief priests and rulers handed him over to the sentence of death and impaled him. (**Luke 24:20**)
- But we were hoping that this man was the one destined to deliver Israel, yes, and besides all these things, this makes the third day since these things occurred. (**Luke 24:21**)
- Moreover, certain women from among us also astonished us,

because they had been early to the memorial tomb. (Luke 24:22)

- But did not find his body and they came saying they had also seen a supernatural sight of angels, who said he is alive. (Luke 24:23)
- Further, some of those with us went off to the memorial tomb, and they found it so, just as the women had said; But they did not see him. (Luke 24:24)
- So he said to them; O senseless ones and slow in heart to believe on all the things the prophets spoke! (Luke 24:25)
- Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into his glory? (Luke 24:26)
- And commencing at Moses and all the Prophets he interpreted to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)
- Finally they got close to the village where they were journeying, and he made as if he was journeying on farther. (Luke 24:28)
- But they used pressure upon him, saying; Stay with us, because it is toward evening and the day has already declined. With that he went in to stay with them. (Luke 24:29)
- And as he was reclining with them at the meal he took the loaf, blessed it, broke it and began to hand it to them. (Luke 24:30)
- At that their eyes were fully opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from them. (Luke 24:31)
- And they said to each other; Were not our hearts burning as he was speaking to us on the road, as he was fully opening up the Scriptures to us? (Luke 24:32)
- And in that very hour they rose and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and those with them assembled together. (Luke 24:33)
- Luke says that the village was sixty stadia 7.5 Roman miles [11 kilometers](7 miles] from Jerusalem.

- However, the present location of **Emmaus** is uncertain, at least half a dozen different sites having been proposed. Most prominent among these is `Imwas on the road to Tel Aviv-Yafo.
- But `Im was is about 175 stadia (32 kilometers)(20 miles) West-northwest of that city, almost three times as far as Luke mentions. Another oft-proposed site, Qalunyah, located on the main road to Tel Aviv-Yafo and accepted by some as the Ammaous referred to by Josephus, is about 35 stadia (6.5 kilometers)(4 miles) from Jerusalem and so is too close to fit Luke's record.
- Some, therefore, prefer to identify **Emmaus** with **El-Qubeiba**, on a more northerly Roman road than the other suggested sites. Here remains have been found believed to date back to the Greek Scripture period. The location, about 60 stadia (11 kilometers)[7 miles] Northwest of Jerusalem, lends support to the view that this may be the Biblical city. Nonetheless, any final identification is impossible at this time.