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JESUS APPEARED ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

**The resurrected Christ,
with us, for the world**



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THE ROAD TO EMMAUS:
a journey with the resurrected Christ



The resurrected Christ **WALKS WITH** his disciples.

The resurrected Christ **TEACHES** his disciples.

The resurrected Christ **REVEALS** himself to his disciples.

Disciples of the resurrected Christ **PROCLAIM TRUTH.**

Luke 24:1-3; 13-14 ^{NIV}

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

² They found **the stone rolled away from the tomb**, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus....

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to **a village called Emmaus**, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

The resurrected Christ
WALKS WITH his disciples

Luke 24:13-16 ^{NIV}

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called **Emmaus**, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, **Jesus himself** came up and **walked along with them**; ¹⁶ but they were kept from **recognizing** him.

Downcast disciples
walking with God
through moments of
pain and confusion

Luke 24:17-19a ^{NIV}

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, **their faces downcast**.
¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “**What things?**” he asked.

False Perceptions of the Messiah:
powerful prophet
crucified revolutionary
hopeless redeemer

Luke 24:19-21 ^{NIV}

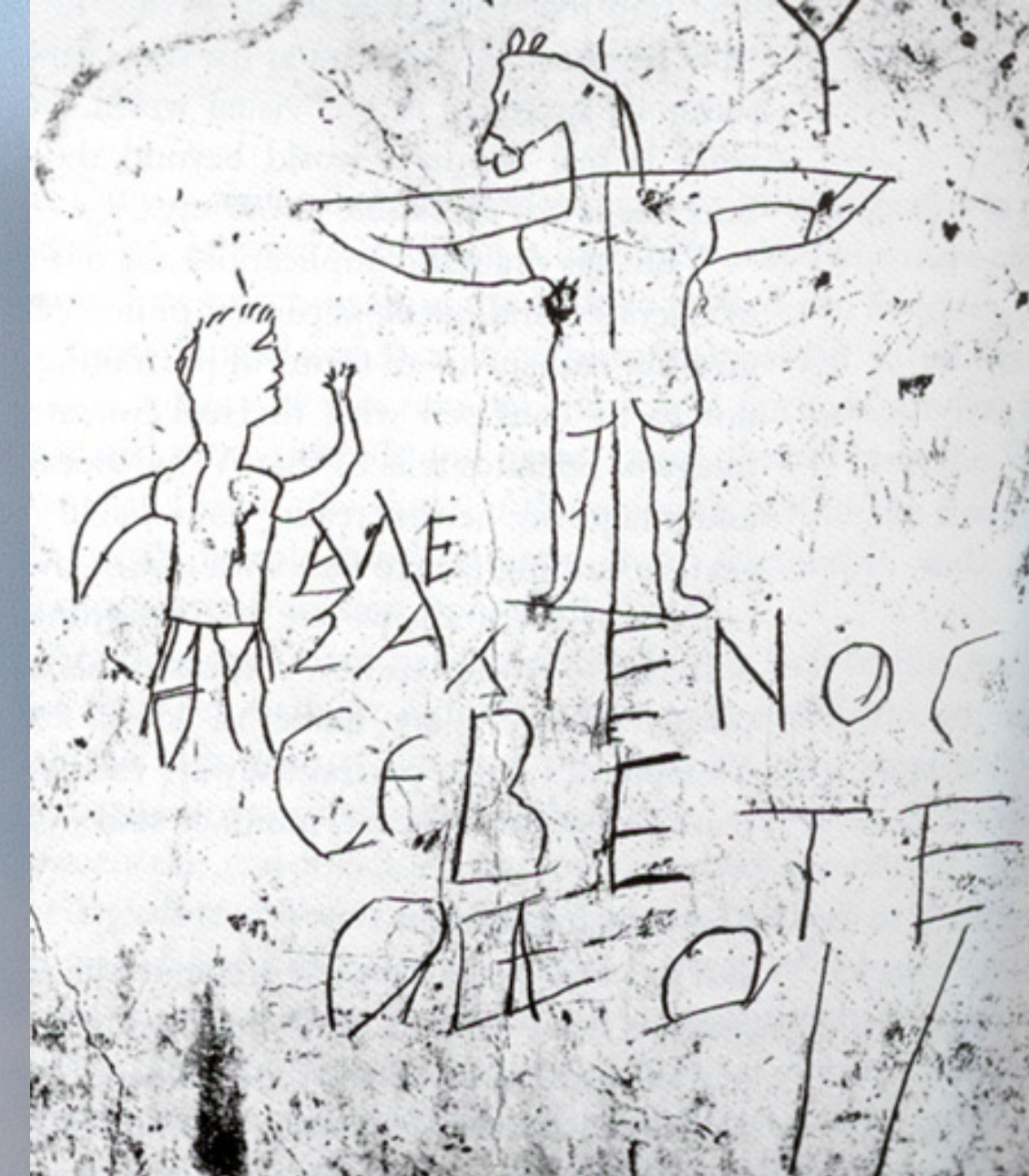
“What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “**He was a prophet, powerful** in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be **sentenced to death**, and they **crucified** him; ²¹ but **we had hoped** that he was the one who was going **to redeem Israel**. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

False Perceptions of the Messiah:
Our perceptions influence
our assumptions about reality.



Early Portrait of the Messiah

The Alexamenos Graffito
“Alexamenos worships his god.”



“The resurrection is the revelation to chosen witnesses of the fact that Jesus who died on the cross is indeed king - conqueror of death and sin, Lord and Savior of all. **The resurrection is not the reversal of a defeat but the proclamation of a victory. The King reigns from the tree.** The reign of God has indeed come upon us, and its sign is not a golden throne but a wooden cross.”



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Foolishness to the Greeks: The Gospel and Western Culture

Luke 24:22-24 ^{NIV}

In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but **didn't find his body**. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said **he was alive**. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but **they did not see Jesus**.”

The resurrected Christ
TEACHES his disciples

Luke 24:25-27 ^{NIV}

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not **the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?**” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, **he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**

**Jesus is the center of the
redemption story.**

old testament: **anticipation**

gospels: **manifestation**

acts: **proclamation**

epistles: **explanation**

revelation: **consummation**

John 5:39-40 ^{NLT}

“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. **But the Scriptures point to me!** ⁴⁰ Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

KEY QUESTIONS FOR FOLLOWERS OF JESUS IN EVERY AGE:

Will our reality, identity, and patterns be shaped by scripture or _____?

Whose story are you living in?

The resurrected Christ
REVEALS HIMSELF
to his disciples

Luke 24:28-31 ^{NIV}

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “**Stay with us**, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the **table** with them, he took **bread, gave thanks, broke it** and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and **they recognized him**, and he disappeared from their sight.

BURNING HEARTS
FOR THE RESURRECTED CHRIST
Presence // Prayer // Reading

Luke 24:32 ^{NIV}

They asked each other, “Were not our **hearts burning** within us while **he talked with us** on the road and **opened the Scriptures** to us?”

For the follower of Jesus,
time spent with the Triune God
in prayer and scripture is essential
to know and express the authentic Christ.

Disciples of
the resurrected Christ
PROCLAIM TRUTH

Luke 24:33-36 ^{NIV}

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, **“It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”** ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. ³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”**

“A Bookish People”

*Destroyer of the Gods: Early Christian
Distinctiveness in the Roman World*

LARRY HURTADO

Commitment to teachings of Jesus // scriptures essential to life and practice

New identity and community // unity and fellowship with God and one another

Countercultural values:

- **Multi-ethnic and Diverse** // across ethnic, religious, political, and social barriers
- **Care for the Poor** // value and commitment to those in need
- **Value for human life** // every form (*women, orphans, prisoners, widows, sick, etc.*)
- **Sexual ethic** // fidelity in marriage of husband and wife
- **Forgiveness and Enemy Love** // commitment to love one another and enemy

The resurrected Christ
walks with us
teaches us
reveals to us



A community of burning hearts for Jesus who:

- **Pray** // set a time to enjoy being with God
- **Search Scripture** // read, reflect, and delight in God's word
- **Proclaim Truth** // to those in our city