



Reorientating Hope

Luke 24.13-33

Luke 24.13-16

¹³ And behold, two of them, on that same day were journeying to a village distant by 60 stadia from Jerusalem by the name of Emmaus ¹⁴and they were conversing with each other about all the things that had happened. ¹⁵ and it happened that while they were talking and disputing, Jesus himself approached and journeyed along with them ¹⁶but their eyes were prevented from recognising him.

Luke 24.17-18

¹⁷ And he said to them ' What are these words which you are throwing at each other as you journey?' And they stood gloomily. ¹⁸ But one by the name of Cleopas answered and said to him: 'Are you living as a stranger alone in Jerusalem and do you not know what has happened there during these days?

Luke 24.19-20

¹⁹ And He said to them: 'What kind of things? And they said to him: 'the things about Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet man powerful in deed and in word before God and all the people' ²⁰and that our High Priests and Rulers handed him over to the judgement of death and they crucified him.

Luke 24.21-24

²¹ But we were hoping that he is the one coming to liberate Israel but indeed also with all these things it is the third day since all these things happened ²²but some women from among us amazed us having been early in the morning at the tomb ²³ and not having found his body they came saying that they had seen a vision of angels who said that he is alive. ²⁵ And some of those who were with us went away to the tomb and found it thus as the women said but they did not see him.

Luke 24.25-26

²⁵ Then he said to them 'You thick and and slow in heart to believe all about which the prophets spoke. ²⁶Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to enter into his glory? ²⁷ And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he translated to them in all the scriptures the things about himself.

Luke 24.28-29

²⁸ And as they drew near to the village where they were journeying, he acted as though he was travelling further. ²⁹ But they persuaded him saying: 'Stay with us because it is almost evening and the day has already drawn to a close. And he went in to stay with them.

Luke 24.30-33

³⁰ And it happened that when he was reclining with them, taking the bread, he blessed it and having broken it he gave it to them ³¹ and their eyes were opened and they knew him and he became invisible to them. ³²And they said to one another: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he spoke to us on the way, as he opened to us the scriptures?' ³³And arising in that same hour, they returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven and those with them gathered together.



The Characters in the Story

Words for talking in the account

- V. 14 converse (homileō)
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Suzēteō in the NT

- Mark 1:27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority!
- Mark 8:11 The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him.
- Acts 6:9 Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen... stood up and argued with Stephen.

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Clopas

- John 19:25 And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Paroikos

- Literally someone who is 'alongside' the 'house' or 'household'
- Hence someone with no roots or rights in the country



The Conversation

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Hoping for liberation

- Resurrection in the 1st century
- The description of the disciples as looking gloomy
- Irony in Luke

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What made them recognize Jesus?

- Note the rudeness of his action – the host should have broken the bread
- A characteristic way of breaking the bread?
- Marks on his hands?
- That they had turned outwards for the first time?
- The eucharistic moment