

- I. A heart breaking experience (vs. 13-24)
 - A. They were separated from the other disciples
 - B. They did not recognize Jesus’ presence
 - C. They were discouraged by Jesus’ death
 - D. They had lost their hope in Jesus
 - E. They were lacking in their faith
- II. A heart searching experience (vs. 25-27)
 - A. They were foolish in their thinking
 - B. They were slow to believe the prophecies

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

- C. They did not understand the Messiah’s mission

“Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:12)

- D. They did not see the scriptures pointing to Jesus

“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” (John 5:39-40)

- III. A heart changing experience (v. 28-35)
 - A. They had their eyes opened to see Jesus with them

“And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Mathew 28:20)

- B. They experienced an inner burning joy

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.” (Ephesians 1:18)

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.” (I Peter 1:8)

- C. They remembered the revelation from Scripture

D. They experienced new hope in Jesus

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (I Peter 1:3)

E. They returned to the fellowship of believers

F. They became zealous witnesses for Jesus