



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Luke 24:13-35 (NLT)

### The Walk to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup> That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened.

<sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them.

<sup>16</sup> But God kept them from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces.

<sup>18</sup> Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people.

<sup>20</sup> But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him.

<sup>21</sup> We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

<sup>22</sup> "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report.

<sup>23</sup> They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive!

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<sup>24</sup> Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

<sup>25</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures.

<sup>26</sup> Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?"

<sup>27</sup> Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, <sup>29</sup> but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them.

<sup>30</sup> As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them.

<sup>31</sup> Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup> And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them,

<sup>34</sup> who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

### Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<sup>35</sup> Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Nance Matthews. Since her hip surgery last Monday, Nance has developed some clots.
- We pray for each member of our congregation.
- We give thanks for pleasant autumn weather.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine. The warming weather there brings the risk of an escalation of attacks from Russia.



### Meg's Musings

Almost all day long there are lots of bees on our rosemary bush - often dozens of them.

I've wandered around our garden looking for bees on other plants. Today I saw two bees on gazania flowers. The daisies, roses, lavender, geraniums, Mexican sage, hibiscus, petunias, and several other plants I don't know the names of don't seem to attract a single bee. Several of the other species are similar in colour. Obviously the rosemary smells different to the other plants.

Apparently, bees are able to remember a fragrance. If bees are able to use colour, smell, and their sense of direction to find a particular plant they are far more complicated creatures that we might expect.

No wonder human beings are so complex!  
"I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Blessing from Meg

### CHURCH SERVICES

COMBINED TAMWORTH  
CONGREGATIONS WORSHIP



**30th April, 2023 at 11am City Church**  
Worship with Nicolette Willis (Saltbush Gathered Community Resources).

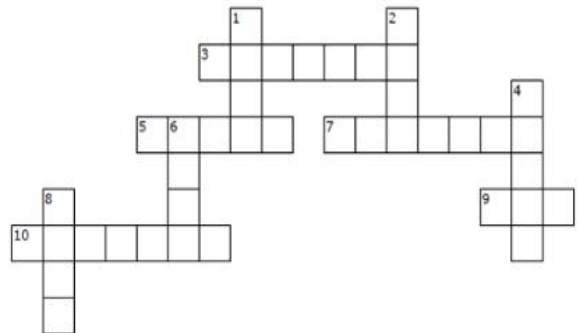
Please join us for sausage sizzle lunch in St Andrew's Room after worship.

We will also farewell Adele McGaffin as she moves to Newcastle.

### On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.  
Luke 24:31a (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)




#### ACROSS

- To put to death on a cross
- The Old Testament man who received the Ten Commandments from God
- A person who visits
- A period of twenty four hours
- Carrying on a conversation with someone

#### DOWN

- Not false
- The organ which makes people able to see
- A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
- Not closed
- To travel on foot

### Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41      1 Peter 1:17-23   
Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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AND WISE,  
IS BECAUSE GOD  
PROTECTED ME WHEN I  
WAS YOUNG AND STUPID.**



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