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Illustration – WW2 allies, children, sleepless = hopeless

How could they not recognize Him? (vs. 13-24)

1. they were so focussed on their disappointment/problems

**14 - walked and talked about the things that had happened
Jesus died, gone, confusion**

They were stuck in their hopelessness - we had hoped

- they had lost hope (21) – reflected in walking away (13) - Jerusalem, other believers // today
- they were slow to believe (21-25) – caught up in worldly values they missed Jesus kingdom values
 - true for Mary, disciples fishing, here
 - but also true for today in our world despite...
 - * 2,000 years of witness
 - * Transformed lives in Jesus' name = hope
 - * Global impact
 - many of us too have our moments of dashed hopes - not getting that job, doing better on a test, \$ secure than we are, illness of a relative/friend, relationship with God = disciples can get stuck too

Illust. – Children at camp, psychologist, slice of bread = hope

Jesus Response (vs. 25-32)

NB 2 things

- Jesus did not reveal himself right away - inefficient?
 - Jesus knew the way to real change is through their realization
- Jesus took a lot of time with them - last thing we need to do is rush!

What *did* Jesus do?

1. Jesus walked with them – simply showing love
2. Jesus listened to them – not imposing himself but asking Q's showed he cared
3. Jesus reminded them of the promises in the Word of God (25-27) - He took the time to make sure they understood
> Our need to learn from God's Word & believers
4. Jesus tested their desire for Him (28-29) – Peter - Love?
Is God testing my love for Him?
5. Jesus revealed himself through the Lord's Table (30-32)
Symbolism is powerful - voice for Mary, fishing boat for disciples, at the table, today bread and wine

Jer.29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future"

Godly principles

1. show the love of God - Jesus walked/listened them even going out of his way
2. Direct people back to their Hope in God as told in the Bible - lots of false hope out there "gets better", "you'll be ok"
3. Focus on the heart– hopeless to burning to hope filled

How did they respond? (vs.33-35)

1. they recognized their burning hearts
2. they immediately returned to Jerusalem (now 15 miles)
3. Searched out the other believers and gave testimony

Only Jesus offers real hope, life changing hope