

## Surprised By Hope

Luke 24:13-35

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**Family Devotions:** *Share with your children what you learned in the sermon & ask*

**Elementary Children & Youth:** What is something you were surprised to learn is true? Why was this surprising to you?

Youth: Why is Hope so important to our survival?

**Branch Group Questions:** *Reflect on these questions to deepen your applications*

1. Read Luke 23:50-56... Why is understanding the burial of Jesus important to grasp the reality of the empty tomb?
2. Put yourself in the place of those two disciples walking to Emmaus on that Resurrection Sunday... how would you be feeling? What event – the crucifixion or the resurrection report – would you be discussing most? Why?
3. Why does Jesus call these disciples “foolish” (v. 25)?
4. What is significant about the fact that both the prophets and Jesus Himself foretold the suffering of the Messiah? See Isa. 53 and Luke 18:31-33.
5. Review the evidence listed in the sermon for the empty tomb – which of these is most significant to you? (See additional resources from Sean McDowell for more information regarding the resurrection of Jesus)
6. Why is it important that there were eye-witnesses who saw the risen Jesus after His death/resurrection? Why is an empty tomb not enough for the early Christians to believe Jesus is the Risen Messiah?
7. What does the Resurrection mean for your everyday choices and hopes?

**Memory Verse:** Luke 24:34 NIV

*“It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”*