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*“He said, ‘What has happened?’ They said, ‘The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel.’”*

**Luke 24:19-24**



*“And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn’t find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn’t see Jesus.”*

Luke 24:21b-24



# I. DETAIL AND DISCERNMENT

1. It is possible to know the STORY and not know the SAVIOR!
2. Often, SALVATION is born out of great SORROW.
3. Knowing the TENNETS of the faith pales in importance as opposed to knowing the TENDERNESS of the Father.



*“Then he said to them, “So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can’t you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don’t you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?” Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.”* Luke 24:25-27



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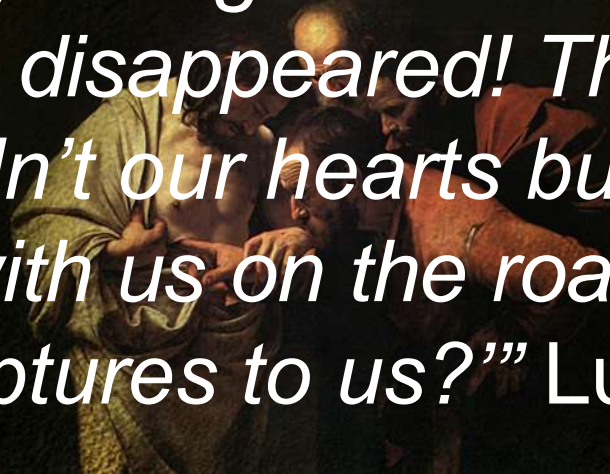
## II. DISCIPLINE AND DIRECTION

1. Jesus knew his life on earth was the END OF THE BEGINNING.

2. A SIMPLE seed of truth often falls on the rocky SOIL of a heart.



*“By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he was going on, but they begged him, ‘Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.’ So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! 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?’” Luke 24:28-32*



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## III. DRAWN AND DISCOVERED

1. Eyes are opened at the right time, the right place and in the right circumstance—but they are always opened SUDDENLY!

2. No one can be near the FLAMES OF THE LOVE OF GOD without being affected or consumed by it.

3. The difference between a person who is growing in Christ and one who is not is the FLAME.



*“They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: ‘It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!’ Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.”*

**Luke 24:33-35**



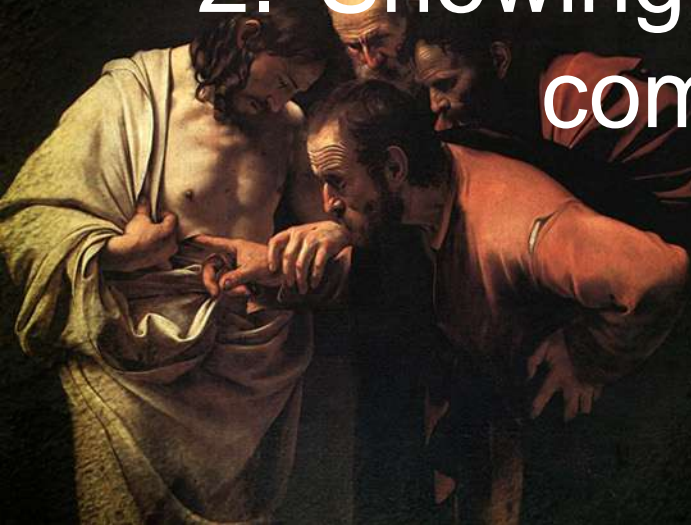
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## IV. DECLARATION AND DYNAMIC

1. Jesus' REVELATION always brings man's TRANSFORMATION.

2. Showing others the GLORY of God comes from an EXPERIENCE with God.



*“You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning”*

Psalm 18:28



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