

REVERSAL

HOW TRUSTING **JESUS** TURNS IT ALL AROUND

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. ...

LUKE 24:13-35

17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. **18** One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” **19** “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ...

LUKE 24:13-35

20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ...

LUKE 24:13-35

2³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 2⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." 2⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 2⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ...

LUKE 24:13-35

27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ...

LUKE 24:13-35

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” ...

LUKE 24:13-35

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

LUKE 24:13 - 35

Who is Jesus?



Jesus is the God who meets us



1. On the Bitter Road

The background of the slide is a deep blue, starry night sky. A prominent, bright star with a multi-pointed diffraction pattern is located on the right side of the image. The rest of the sky is filled with numerous smaller, fainter stars of varying colors and sizes, creating a dense field of stars.

A background image of a starry night sky. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous small, bright white and blue stars. On the right side, there is a prominent, bright star with a soft, glowing halo and a lens flare effect, suggesting it is a bright celestial body like a star or planet.

1. On the Bitter Road

2. With a Better Story



1. On the Bitter Road

2. With a Better Story

3. In the Broken Bread

1. On the Bitter Road

2. With a Better Story

3. In the Broken Bread

4. Through the Burning Heart

1. On the Bitter Road



Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem...

LUKE 24:13

...but we had hoped that he
[Jesus] was the one...

LUKE 24:21

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

LUKE 24:17

**Are you the only one visiting
Jerusalem who does not know the
things that have happened there
in these days?"**

LUKE 24:18

“What things?” he asked.

LUKE 24:19

A background image of a starry night sky. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous small, bright white and blue stars. On the right side, there is a prominent, bright star with a soft, glowing halo and a lens flare effect, suggesting it is a bright celestial body like a star or a distant galaxy.

1. On the Bitter Road

2. With a Better Story

...but we had hoped that
he [Jesus] was the one...

LUKE 24:21

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

LUKE 24:25-26

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

LUKE 24:27



The atheistic, Darwinian
story is a failure.



The modern identity
formation story is a failure.



The modern “burn it all to the ground story” is a failure.

A background image of a starry night sky. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous small, bright white and blue stars. On the right side, there is a prominent, bright starburst or nebula with a soft, glowing aura in shades of white, yellow, and light blue, radiating outwards.

1. On the Bitter Road

2. With a Better Story

3. In the Broken Bread

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him...

LUKE 24:30-31



1. On the Bitter Road

2. With a Better Story

3. In the Broken Bread

4. Through the Burning Heart

They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”

LUKE 24:32-34

“After the Montgomery bus protest had been undertaken, we began to receive threatening phone calls and letters...at first I took them in my stride...But as the weeks passed, I realized that many of the threats were in earnest. I felt myself...growing in fear. ...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our God is Able

After a particularly strenuous day, I settled in bed at a late hour...when the telephone rang. An angry voice said, 'Listen...we've taken all we want from you. Before next week you'll be sorry you ever came to Montgomery.'...I could not sleep. It seemed that all my fears had come down on me at once. ...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our God is Able

I was ready to give up...In this state of exhaustion, when my courage had almost gone, I determined to take my problem to God...I bowed...and prayed aloud...'I am here taking a stand for what I believe is right but now I am afraid. The people are looking to me for leadership, and if I stand before them without strength and courage, they too will falter. I am at the end of my powers...I've come to the point I can't face it alone.' ...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our God is Able

At that moment I experienced the Divine presence as I had never before experienced him. It seemed as though I heard...an inner voice, saying, 'Stand up for righteousness, stand up for truth. God will be at your side forever.' Almost at once my fears began to pass from me...the outer situation remained the same, but God had given me inner calm. ...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our God is Able

Three nights later, our home was bombed. Strangely enough, I accepted the word of the bombing calmly. My experience with God had given me new strength and trust. I knew now that God is able to give us the interior resources to face the storms... of life.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our God is Able

REVERSAL

HOW TRUSTING **JESUS** TURNS IT ALL AROUND