

## Luke 24:13-35, “The Road to Emmaus”

24:13-16/ Why would these two disciples not have recognized Jesus?

1. Perhaps the last time they saw him he was either dead or “so disfigured he no longer looked like a man; his form was so marred he no longer looked human...” (Is. 52:14)
2. He has a new, resurrected body (perhaps making him look younger).
3. God prevented them from recognizing him (the passive voice).

24:18/ “Then one of them, named Cleopas...” Who are these two men?

- According to Christian tradition Cleopas was Jesus’ uncle, (Joseph’s brother), and he became a leader of the Jerusalem church.
- The second person, according to Byzantine church tradition, was Luke.

24:25/ “And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!’”

Christ has no rebuke for the two of them not believing the witnesses—the rebuke is from not believing the Bible. “A fool in the Old Testament is a person who does not allow the Scriptures to influence his or her thinking or behavior.” (Tom Constable)