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## **“More than Meets the Eye”**

*“Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.’” (Genesis 28:16)*

### **Disappointed Disciples**

**Luke 24:13-21** – (13) “That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, (14) and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. (15) While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. (16) But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. (17) And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ **And they stood still, looking sad.** (18) Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ (19) And he said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, (20) and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. (21) **But we had hoped** that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.”

### **Jesus Experienced Disappointment**

**Isaiah 53:3** – “He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

**John 1:11-12** – (11) “He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. (12) **But** to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,”

### **Disappointment turned into Delight**

**Psalms 16:10-11** – (10) “For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. (11) You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

**Revelation 1:17(b)-18** – (17) “...Fear not, I am the first and the last, (18) and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

**Luke 24:30-32** – (30) “When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. (31) And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. (32) They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’”

<b>Key Point: Disappointments are God’s Appointments for Glory</b>
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## **2 Responses to Disappointment:**

### **Judas’ Short Sell**

“Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, ‘What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?’ And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.” (Matthew 26:14-15)

“...I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.’ They said, ‘What is that to us? See to it yourself.’ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.” (Matthew 27:4-5)

### **Mary Magdalene’s Death Grip**

“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb...she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’” (John 20:11, 14-15)

“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’ She turned and said to him in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means Teacher).” (John 20:16)

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