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John 15:1

Our Need to See Jesus

On the Road to Emmaus

Stage One

They Worshiped a Dead Christ

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They began the morning both sad and disappointed.

“But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.”

Luke 24:21

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Stage Two

They Heard the Truth, Yet Did Not Believe

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“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe”

Luke 24:25

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Stage Three

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Luke 24:32

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Can you say, “I have met Jesus!”

Or do you say, “I know about and believe in Jesus.”

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Stage Four

They Were Satisfied with Jesus

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“He was known to them...”

Luke 24:35

The Vine and the Branches

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Let's set the scene:

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The Garden and the Cross were before Him.

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Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

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See John 15:4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11

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It must be positioned to receive the correct amount of sunlight to produce fruit. It cannot do that itself.

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I also have loved you; (what are we to do?)
abide in My love.”

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