

Conclusion

We're not exactly sure where the Biblical Emmaus was located. Many sites have been proposed, but there is not sufficient evidence to support the precise location of any single one. One candidate suffers in that it is about 20 miles from Jerusalem, making it unlikely that one would make a round trip in one day, which is what happened according to the Bible. The "sixty stadia" of Luke 24, telling us how far it was from Jerusalem, and is the measurement supported by the best sources, translates to about 7 ½ miles, a distance within the realm of possibility for a circuit to be made in one day.

While we're not sure where it happened, we can be sure about what did happen. The resurrected Lord appeared to two disciples and opened their eyes to scriptural understanding in a new and revolutionary way, an understanding that would alter forever their perspective of the Old Testament.

We have the benefit today of New Testament authors whose insights clarify many of the accounts of previous prophets. I pray that somehow the Holy Spirit has illumined your mind into seeing Jesus in the stories and episodes of the past, those "things concerning Himself" He might have addressed that day.

His story is in the life of the mighty Samson and conquering Cyrus. His biography is in the lives of Isaac, Joseph, Moses, David and Solomon. The cross hovers over the den into which Daniel was cast.

Jesus the celestial groom is seen in the marriages of Jacob, Hosea, Othniel, David, Boaz and Adam. The forecast of the role of Savior is heard in the curses of Eden, which Jesus took upon Himself as our Substitute. The silhouette of salvation is featured in the many stories in which wood was the medium of deliverance. Beside the topics we've studied, there is the wealth of symbolism in the sanctuary and its services alone, about which much as already been written, and many other allusions we've not touched on. Like hidden gems awaiting discovery, God's truth can still be mined.

This Jesus desperately loves you! He has a plan for your life that involves complete forgiveness of every sin you've ever committed, complete restoration of your standing with the Father and complete deliverance from every wrong habit or evil pattern that hinders your spiritual walk. He wants

to be your Brother and Savior. He wants to be your Friend and your God. He wants to walk with you today and forever. Soon His coming will be a reality, and everything written in the Bible will come true. All those who have put their trust in Him, and relied upon Him for spiritual power will experience joy unimaginable as He sweeps us up to His kingdom. May that day be soon!