

THE ROAD BACK TO HOPE

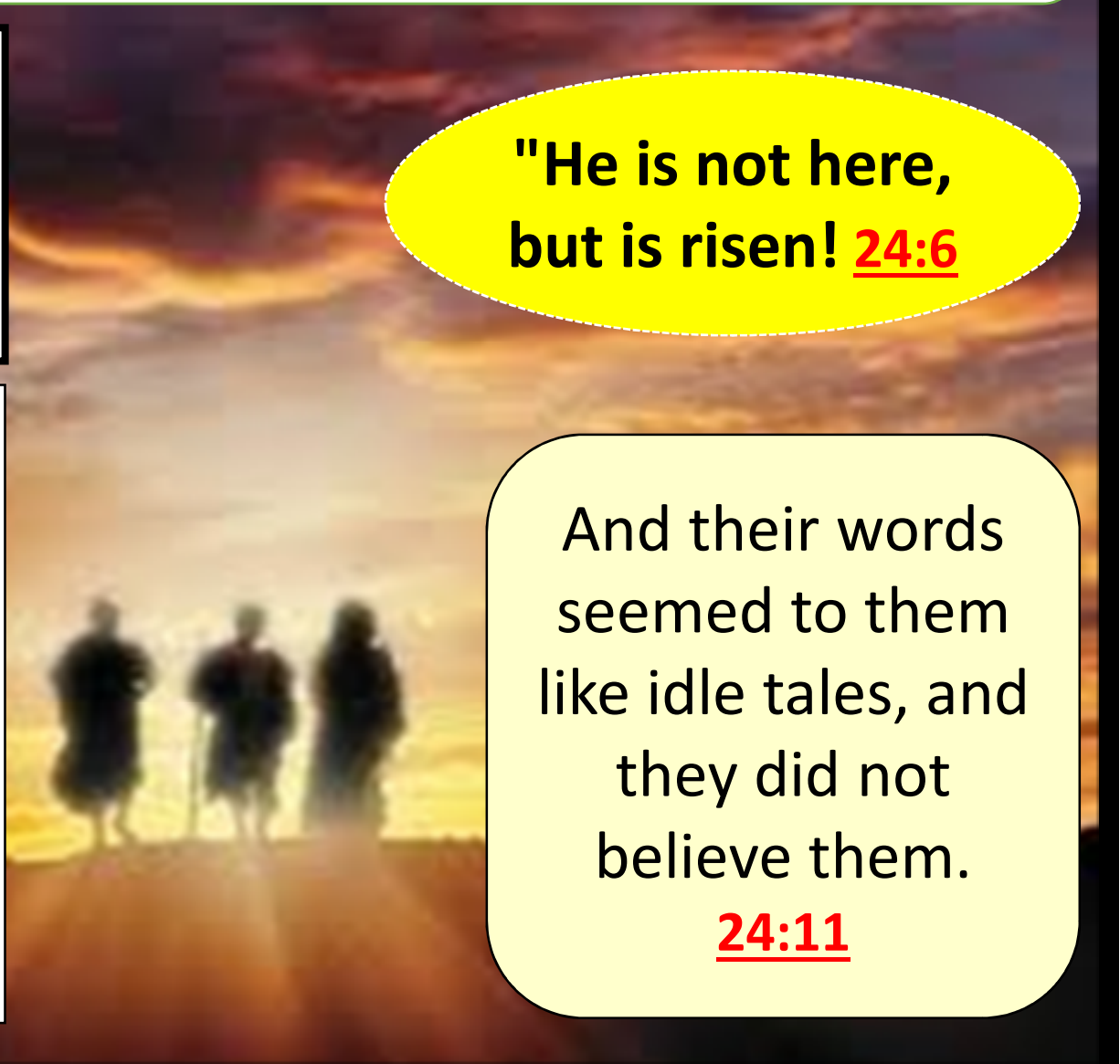
Luke 24:13-35

Why do you seek the living among the dead? [24:5](#)

It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. [24:10](#)

"He is not here, but is risen! [24:6](#)

And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. [24:11](#)



THE VALUE OF FINDING THE TRUTH

- **24:13** Now behold, “You’re not going to believe what I’m about to tell you!” What it is? What is so astonishing?
- Where are they going? “There’s nothing more for us in Jerusalem! We’re tired of waiting.” **WHO ARE THEY?**
- Most likely they were among the seventy men Jesus had sent out to preach, **Luke 10:1,9**. it has been their food and drink for their last three years, following their Messiah!
- But now, they are going back home; dejected, confused, disillusioned, and even despairing.

Overwhelmed with sadness

- Their dreams are dashed; they have nothing to show for their hope. The cross had broke their hope! **Luke 24:14-15**
- The text indicates these two are arguing and debating.

Jesus will open their minds to the scriptures

- **24:16** They did not recognize him.
 - **24:17** The Lord interrupt them.
 - **24:18** Cleopas answer him (with a little a bit of sarcasm)
 - Poor Cleopas! He is addressing none other than the resurrected Lord, saying, “**Where have you been?**”
 - **24:19-24** They unload the details on this poor man who evidently lives all alone and never gets out.
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- Jesus still does not reveal to them who He is. I think, He wants them to put their faith in the “unseen”.
 - **24:25** You don’t believe all that the prophets have spoken
 - **24:26** The cross was not the end – it was the beginning.
 - **24:27** The word translated “explained” gives us our word for “hermeneutics,” the science of interpretation.

Their eyes are opened to the Savior

- **24:28-31** After arriving in Emmaus, He plays the role of host, not guest. And when they just recognized him...
 - When were their eyes opened? When He handed the bread to them and saw his pierced hands, **24:35**.
 - Our hope is not anchored in what we see, it is anchored in what God has said to us, **Rom.15:4**; **Heb.11:1**.
 - These disciples had lost hope! They were heading back to Emmaus. **It was the wrong direction!**
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- He knows where you are **spiritually and emotionally**. Are you without hope? **Go back to the scriptures.**
 - Do you need a fresh view of Jesus Christ? **Go back to the scriptures.** **24:32**.
 - **24:33-35** now their mouths are open for the Savior!