

## Easter Message

April 9, 2023

*There are two ways to live: with an empty tomb or an empty you. Emptiness is often a let down. But the empty tomb is the greatest news there ever was! In Luke 24, Cleopas and Mary expressed the emptiness and disappointment they felt after Jesus was crucified as they walked the road to Emmaus. But Jesus met them and filled them with hope and purpose and he wants to do the same for us.*

## Getting Started

What's your favorite Easter candy?

## Read

Luke 24:1-35

## Digging Deeper

1. As Toran shared, we often try to fill our sense of emptiness with something. What do you find you run to when you feel empty?
2. "But we had hoped..." (Luke 24:21). In this passage the disciples had hoped Jesus was going to redeem them in a specific way without realizing that he was going to redeem them in a deeper, more eternal way. What are some hopes you've had to surrender to Jesus or is there a current hope that needs to be surrendered?
3. Which road do you sense you're walking on in this season, the road TO Emmaus (marked by disappointment and disillusionment) or the road FROM Emmaus (marked by joy, purpose and passion)?



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