

Luke 24:13-35 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over 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 took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

A Message from Asia Frye

FMC Family,

Let me begin by telling you how much we miss you: a lot.

I heard next week's special offering will support AMBS, so I wanted to tell you why I think it is worthwhile for our (and other) congregations to support the seminary.

First, though, let me tell you what Abby thinks:

"I think it is important because AMBS is tearing down a building. It costs money to tear it down and build it back up. And to support things. And to keep the air running. To pay the staff also. By Abby, #171"

After living in campus housing for several weeks, Abby has become aware of the housing needs of students and what it takes to run the campus. (Our apartment is #171.) Our girls spend playtime in the green spaces of campus and thus have befriended the maintenance workers. They have had the opportunity to gather sap from the maple trees outside our windows, help the staff boil it down, and enjoy it as syrup on their pancakes.

I, Asia, think it is important to support AMBS because as congregations we want pastors, teachers, counselors, and other church workers who are immersed in Anabaptist thought and practice. At AMBS we don't simply take Anabaptist history and theology courses, but all of our courses are taught through the lens of Anabaptism. The very fabric of campus echoes this in the way students, faculty, staff, and wild children interact. FMC has a history of supporting Mennonite higher education. At AMBS, not only are we Mennonite education, but also we are training people that will teach at places like Bethel and Hesston.

We are enjoying our time here. While here, our family has gotten to connect with students from all over who will return to their homes across the U.S., Canada, India, South Korea, and Congo when we disperse. It has been great to connect with our brothers and sisters in ministry. The girls like school (no surprise,) Tim is a happy introvert who sits in our apartment doing math, and I am pulling an A in Preaching. But we are ready to come home to Hillsboro. See you soon!

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