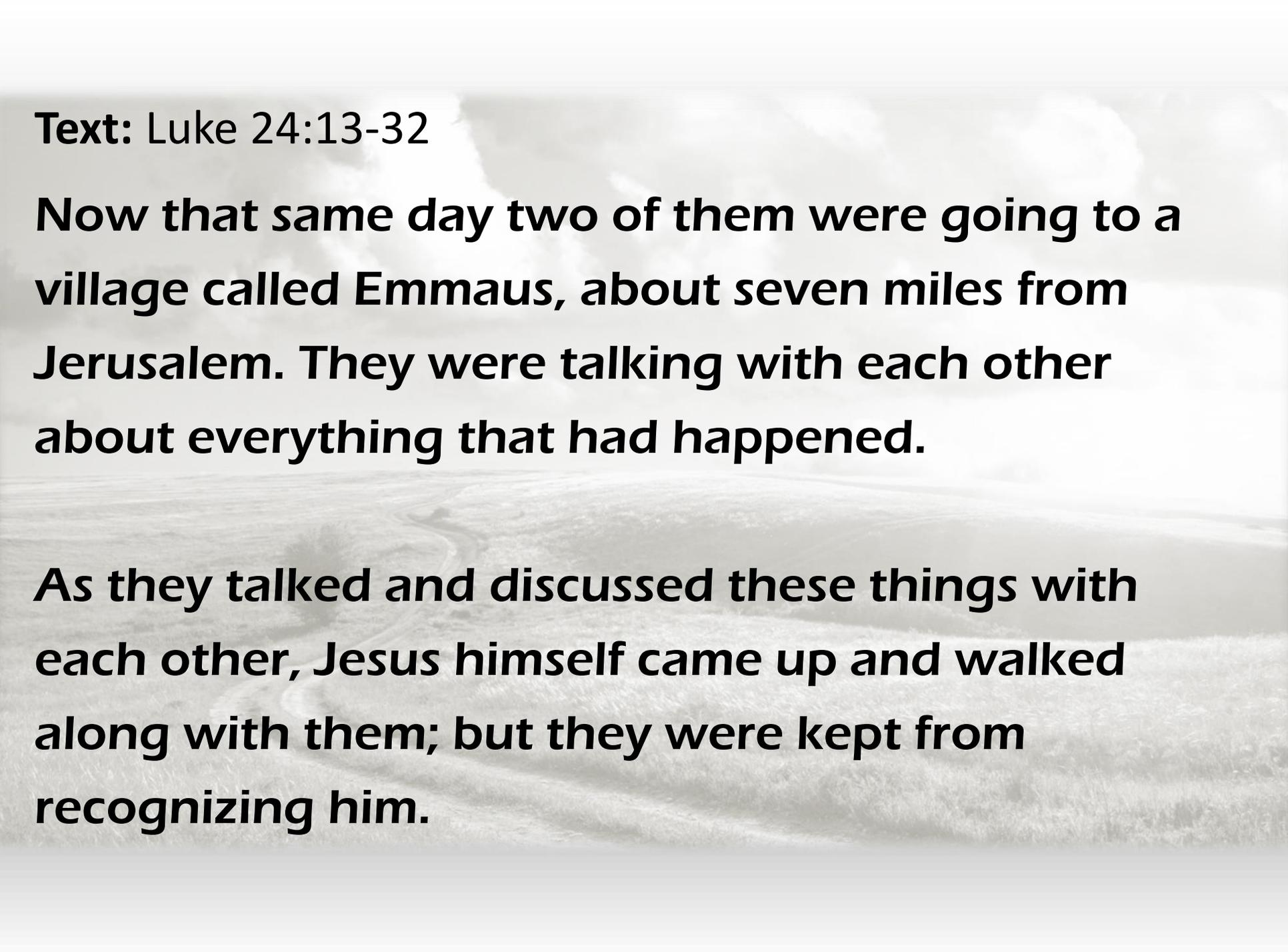


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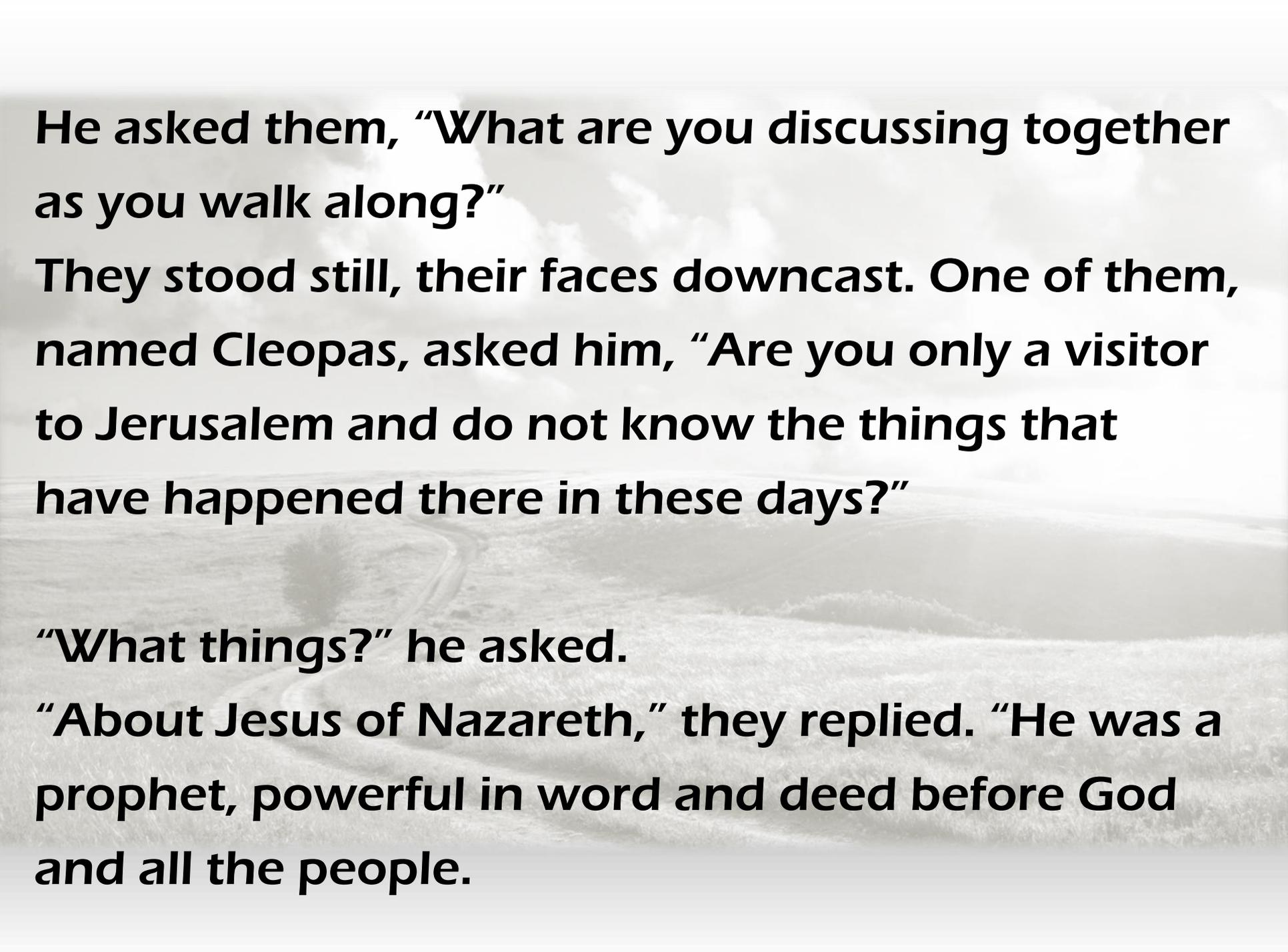
Discovering Jesus in 2014



Text: Luke 24:13-32

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.



He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

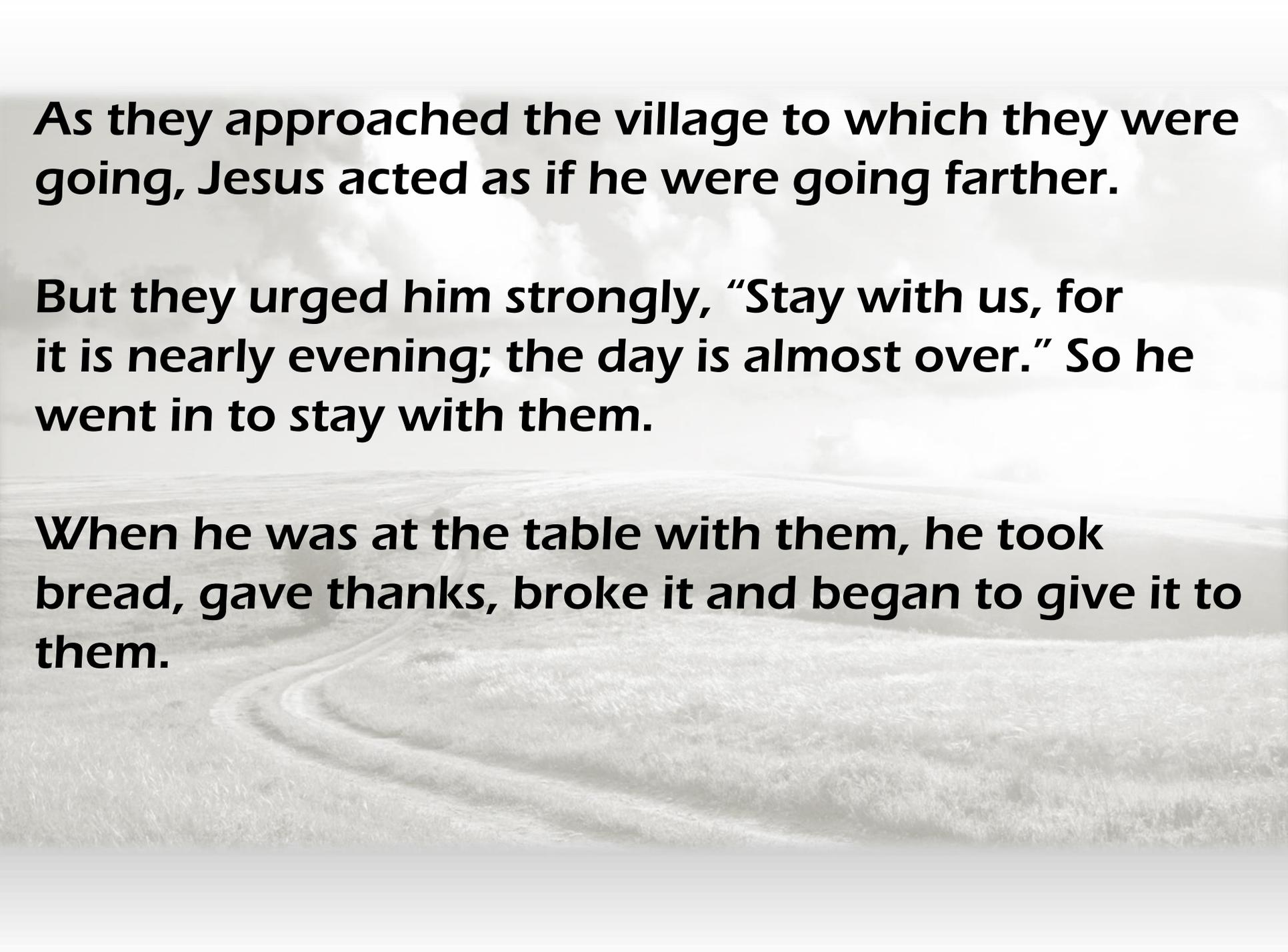
The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.

Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.



As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther.

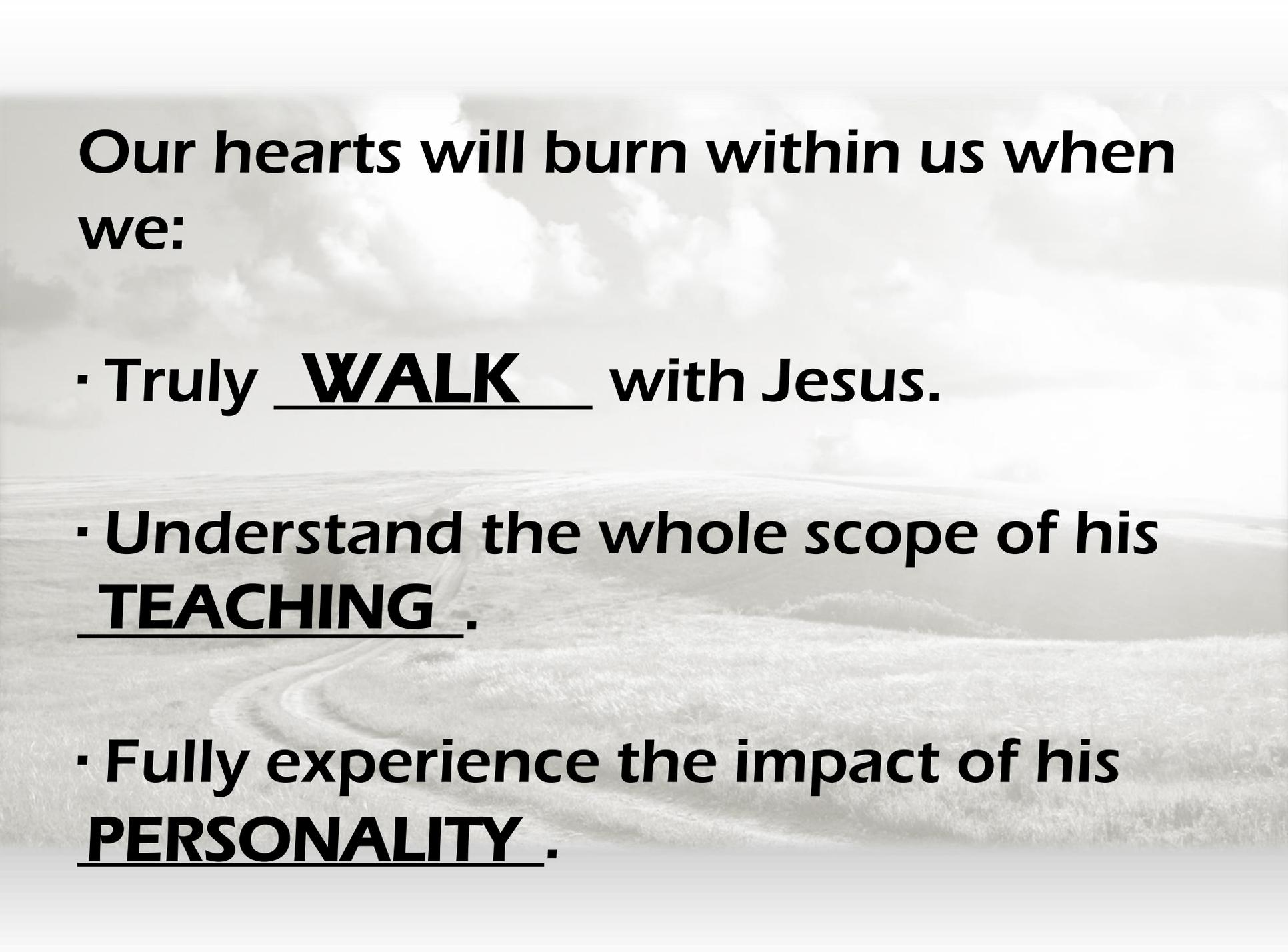
But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

LUKE 24:13-32



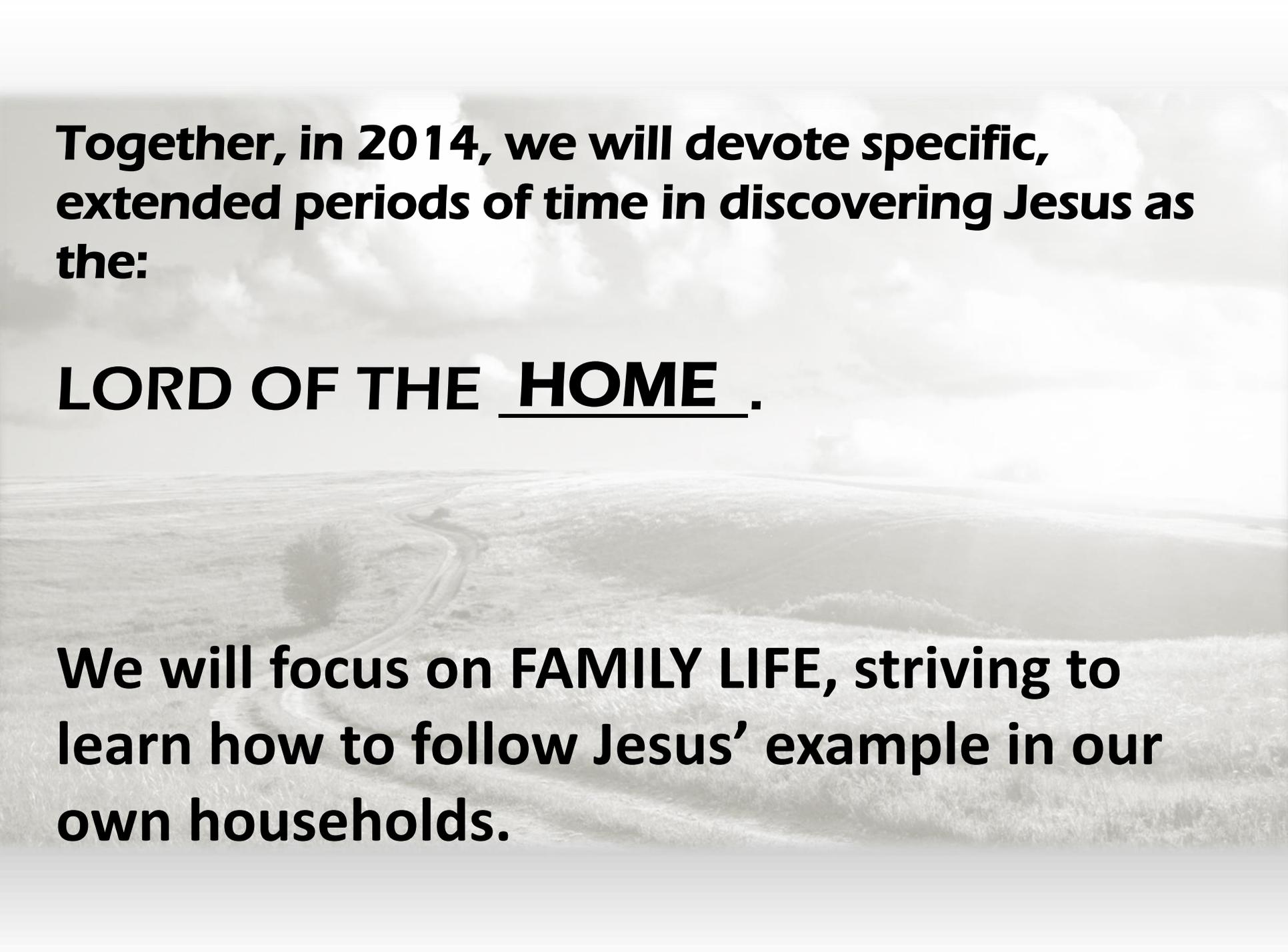
Our hearts will burn within us when we:

- Truly **WALK** with Jesus.
- Understand the whole scope of his **TEACHING** .
- Fully experience the impact of his **PERSONALITY** .

Together, in 2014, we will devote specific, extended periods of time in discovering Jesus as the:

LAMB OF GOD.

Starting on the 16th of March and ending on Easter Sunday, we will focus on the LOVE and GRACE of God. I will be asking you to join me in devoting 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting in preparation for Easter.



Together, in 2014, we will devote specific, extended periods of time in discovering Jesus as the:

LORD OF THE HOME.

We will focus on FAMILY LIFE, striving to learn how to follow Jesus' example in our own households.

Together, in 2014, we will devote specific, extended periods of time in discovering Jesus as the:

HUMBLE SERVANT .

We will spend several weeks:

- **Focusing on outreach.**
- **Discovering what motivated Jesus to leave his perfect home in heaven.**

Together, in 2014, we will devote specific, extended periods of time in discovering Jesus as the:

HUMBLE SERVANT .

We will spend several weeks:

- Learning why Jesus washed his disciples' feet, and what it means to us.**
- Embracing numerous opportunities to follow Jesus in going, seeing, and having compassion on others.**

Together, in 2014, we will devote specific, extended periods of time in discovering Jesus as the:

LORD OF THE HARVEST.

We will:

- **Focus on stewardship and its effects on the harvest of souls that God desires.**
- **Learn why God wants to use our money, time, and abilities to build his kingdom.**
- **Learn how to be the most effective possible stewards of all that God has entrusted us with.**

Together, in 2014, we will devote specific, extended periods of time in discovering Jesus as the:

LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

We will:

- Focus on rescue and reconciliation.**
- Embrace varied opportunities to celebrate Jesus' birth by taking his love into the world.**



Conclusion:

Let's join hands and hearts in committing to taking the journey of a lifetime in 2014!

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