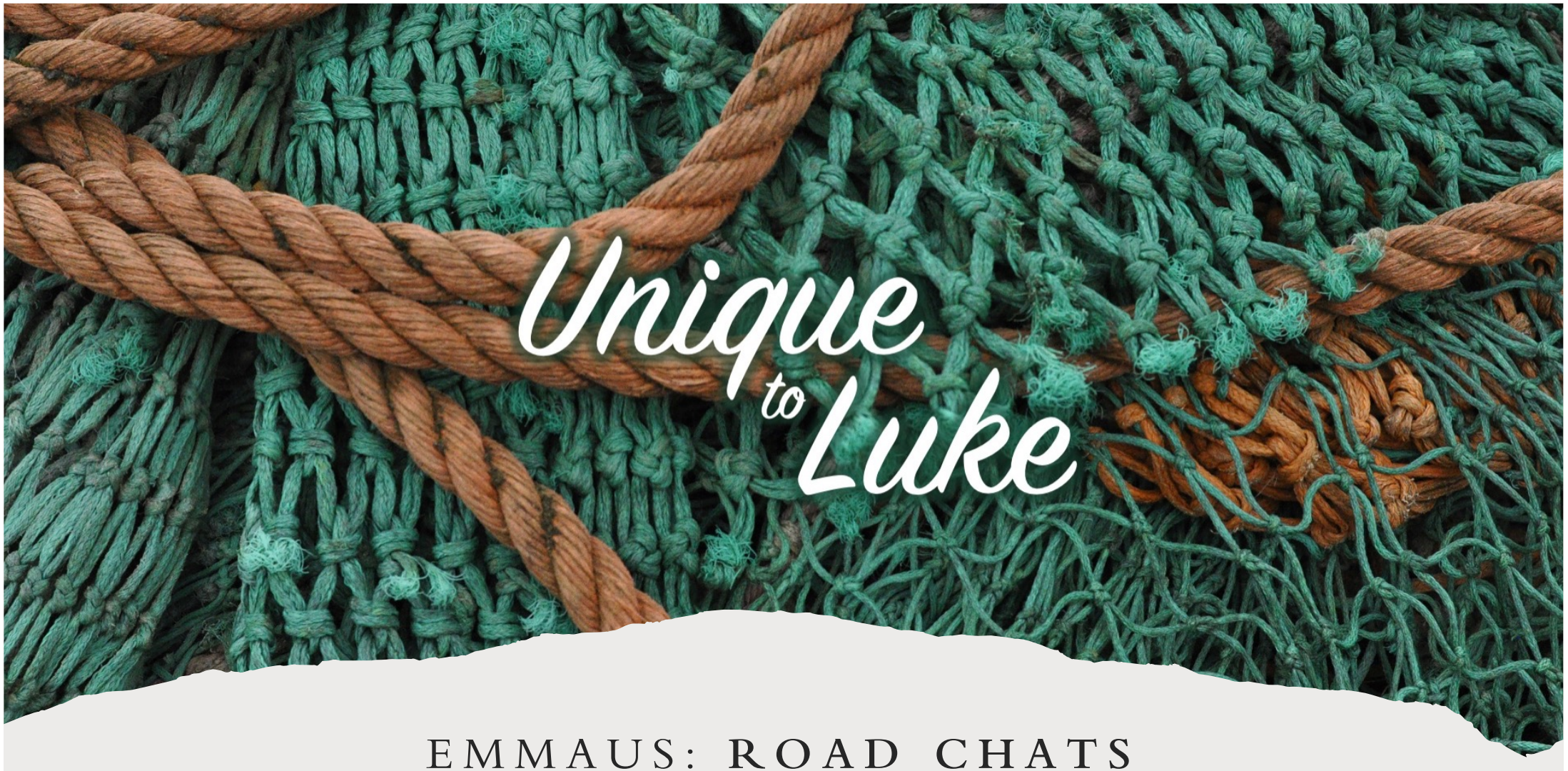


EMMAUS: ROAD CHATS

LUKE 24:13-35

LUKE 24:13-16

13 Now that same day two of them were going
to a village called Emmaus, about seven
miles[a] from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking
with each other about everything that had
happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these
things with each other, **Jesus himself came up
and walked along with them;** 16 **but they
were kept from recognizing him.**

[a] or about 11 kilometres



THE "IN-BETWEEN" SPACES
(LIMINAL)

Church Services

Devotional Times

Worship

Home Group

Intentional Faith Conversation

Transition into Retirement Rhythms

Health Struggle

Work Commute

Moving Away from Alice Springs

THE "IN-BETWEEN" SPACES
(LIMINAL)

"It's the realm where God can best get at us because our false certitudes are finally out of the way."

– Richard Rohr, *Everything Belongs*

"Surely the LORD is in this place, and yet I was unaware of it."

– Jacob, *Genesis 28:16*

DO WE RECOGNISE JESUS IN THE LIMINAL SPACES?

As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them... (Luke 24:15)



LUKE 24:17-19

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

They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of
them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the
only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know
the things that have happened there in these
days?”

19 **“What things?”** he asked.



LUKE 24:19-24

"**About Jesus of Nazareth**," they replied. "He was
a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God
and all the people. [20] The chief priests and our
rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death,
and they crucified him; [21] **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. [22] **In addition**, some of our
women **amazed us**. They went to the tomb early
this morning [23] **but** didn't find his body. They
came and told us that they had seen a vision of
angels, who said he was alive. [24] **Then** some of our
companions went to the tomb and found it just as
the women had said, **but they did not see Jesus**."



WILL WE EXPRESS VULNERABLY IN THE LIMINAL SPACES?



...we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more...
(Luke 24:21)

LUKE 24:25-27

25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and
how slow to believe all that the prophets have
spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer
these things and then enter his glory?”

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



LUKE 24:28-29

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, **Jesus continued on as if he were going farther**.

29 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.



WILL WE DESIRE MORE TRUTH IN THE LIMINAL SPACES?



But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.”
(Luke 24:29)

LUKE 24:30-32

30 When he was at the table with them, he took
bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give
it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and
they recognized him, and he disappeared from
their sight. 32 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 24:33-35

33 They got up and returned at once to
Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and
those with them, assembled together 34 and
saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has
appeared to Simon.”

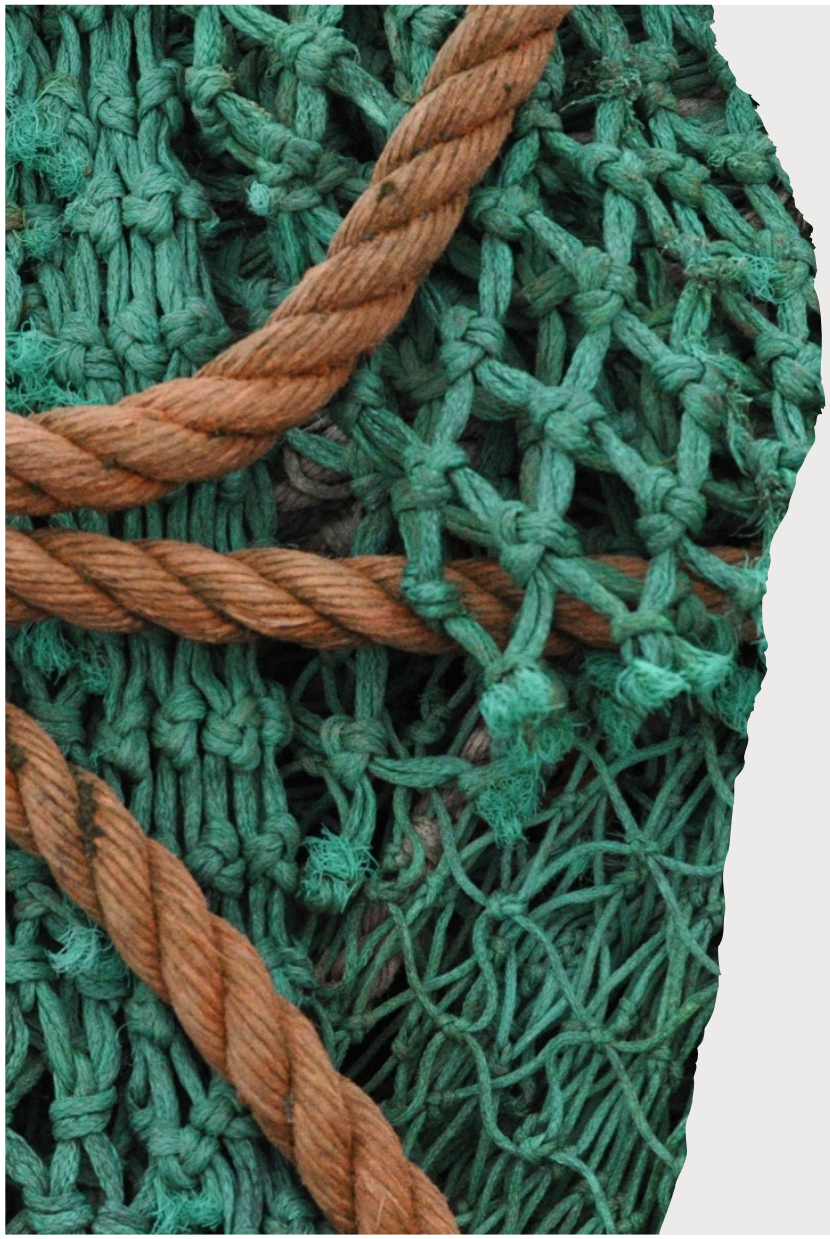
35 Then the two told what had happened **on
the way**, and how Jesus was recognized by
them when he broke the bread.



ENCOUNTERING JESUS
(AFTER HIS RESURRECTION)

- **Mary Magdalene** – a woman (culturally unexpected)
- **Cleopas and No-Name 1** – the everyday people
- **Simon Peter** – the betrayer
- then…**the disciples** – the spiritual family

Meeting Jesus in the liminal spaces isn't for someone else, for the elite, **Jesus wants to road-chat with you.**



MEETING JESUS
ON THE ROAD

1. will you **see/recognise** Jesus?
2. will you **express vulnerably**?
3. will you be **open to**, and **desire more** of His truth: new and old?