

Luke which has been described by Renan as "the most beautiful book ever penned." On the resurrection day two disciples were walking to a village called Emmaus, which was a few miles from Jerusalem. Their conversation was about the things which had so recently happened. While they engaged in fellowship with one another and reasoned, we are told that Jesus Himself approaches and accompanies them in the way. The evangelist says, "But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him." (verse 16) Then Jesus said unto them, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?" In reply, one of them, whose name was Cleopas, said unto Him, "Art Thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?" And Jesus said, "What things?" So they tell Him about Jesus of Nazareth, a mighty prophet, who was condemned to death and was crucified. "We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done." (verse 21) These two had also heard of the visit of the women to the sepulchre, and how they were astonished when they did not find the body of Jesus. Certain of them which were with us even went to the tomb and there found it as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus. After hearing these things, Jesus said unto them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus explained to them the teaching of the Old Testament Scriptures concerning Himself. As they approached the village, they constrained Jesus to abide with them for it was toward evening. He went in and while He was engaged in the evening meal, He took bread, and blessed it, and broke, and gave to them. At this point the evangelist tells us that "their eyes were opened, and they knew Him" in the