



Is the World on Track?

Easter Afternoon: Luke 24:13-35

Dateline 1910: The Fram, a polar ice ship, sails from Norway to undertake a three year polar drift—frozen in the northern ice cap—but some things did not seem right.

Dateline 2010: Is the world on track? Some things do not seem right. What if the plan is right on track but you do not understand it?

Dateline 33: Two sad men are walking from Jerusalem and some things did not seem right.

These two men **knew** that Jesus was a prophet and powerful in word and deed.

- The Words of Jesus:
- The Deeds of Jesus:

These two men **hoped** that Jesus was going to redeem the Nation of Israel.

- “To redeem” means to:

These two men **did not understand** how Jesus could be killed when He seemed to be the one to redeem Israel.

That same day—Easter afternoon: Someone joins the two men and reveals the Plan.

The Plan is revealed: “It was necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and (then) to enter His glory.” Luke 24:26

Dateline 1910: When Roald Amundsen told his crew that they were...it all made sense—everything was actually on track.

Dateline 2010: What if God’s plan is right on track but you are not in on it?

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“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

Please understand this core truth: *It is Jesus who redeems our lives for eternity and for time as well.*

Please read: Luke 24:13-35 each day this week.

- **Today.** What are the major things in your life that make you worry that God’s plan may not be on track?
- **Monday.** Please give some reflection to the works that Jesus did while He walked on earth. Then give some reflection to the works that God has done in your own life to help you and mature you in the past year.
- **Tuesday.** Please reflect on the Words of Jesus that have been the most helpful, motivational, or meaningful to you. Pick out one of these verses or passages and memorize it.
- **Wednesday.** When it is used theologically the word “redemption” means “to buy back out of the slave market of sin.” The elements of that definition are these:
 1. Each person, apart from Christ, is in bondage to sin and is facing eternal separation from God.
 2. We cannot break out of the bondage by ourselves.
 3. Jesus paid for our release with His Own life and blood.
 4. Jesus invites us to put our trust in Him and Him alone for rescue or redemption from our bondage to sin and our punishment for sin.
 5. Have you made the decision to trust Jesus and Him alone for forgiveness? Is there anything keeping you from making that decision right now?
- **Thursday.** The two men on the Emmaus road were hoping that Jesus was going to redeem Israel. What are you hoping for right now? How do these hopes compare to the hope of eternal life? How do they compare to the hope of freedom to do what you should do—freedom to live a spiritually noble life.
- **Friday.** To be redeemed for eternity is to have our sins forgiven and to be given eternal life with God in joy. What does this stir up inside of you?
- **Saturday.** To be redeemed for time is to have the power to escape sin—the power to do what you should do. What do you need in regard to “having the power to escape sin?” Will you take action to find a spiritual friend or mentor?

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