

**Victory Connect Lesson
Plan To Be Surprised
Pastor Paul Daugherty
April 27, 2025**

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Introduction: Jesus hid His identity from two disciples as he walked and talked with them on the Emmaus Road. God often has spiritual surprises for us that are initially hidden from our natural perception. God is the Master of Surprise.

1. Jesus was with them, but they did not recognize Him. Luk 24:16 NKJV - But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

2. Jesus was at the tomb with Mary, but she did not recognize Him at first. Jhn 20:14 KJV - And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

3. Mary stayed at the empty tomb a little longer and saw a little more. Jhn 20:10 NKJV - Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. :11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down [and looked] into the tomb.

4. Sometimes there is a temptation to give up hope after a bad or hurtful surprise. Luk 24:21a NLT - We **had hoped** he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel...

5. The healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate was a great surprise to everyone. Act 3:9 NLT - All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. :10 When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded!

6. The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest surprise in all of history. Luk 24:5 NLT - ...Then the men (angels) asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? :6 NLT - He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you lost the capacity to be surprised by God?
2. Do you need Jesus to open your understanding?
3. Share a time you were surprised by the Holy Spirit?

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