

The Journey With Jesus

An Easter Sunday Reflection



READ & REFLECT: Luke 24:13

(On the day of Jesus resurrection) two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶ But God kept them from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"

Q: What do you focus on when you are unsure of what God is up to?

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ¹⁸ Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

¹⁹ "What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. ²⁰ But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

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²² "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. ²³ They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! ²⁴ Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

If you were there with these two, how would the events of the last few days have crushed your expectations?

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. ²⁶ Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" ²⁷ Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

What are some events in your life right now that God might be using to teach you a lesson? You see them as irritations or disappointments. Maybe God intends them to be a learning experience.

²⁸ By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, ²⁹ but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. ³⁰ As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

³² They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" ³³ And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, ³⁴ who said, "The Lord has really risen!"

What does it mean to have your "heart burn within"?

Have you experienced your heart coming to life in your encounters with Jesus?



What were the circumstances surrounding those times?

Easter Reminder (by Julie Palmer)

*Love overcame
Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living
God transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love
Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travelers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the Savior has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth
Is complete*

NewDay Sunday Worship Service Focus

Fear-Less: Finding Faith to Move Forward

*Faith never knows where it is being led,
but it loves and knows the One who is leading.*
Oswald Chambers

April 16 Breaking Free from Shame (John 8:1-11)

**April 23
NEW SUNDAY
WORSHIP LOCATION!
Izaak Walton Cabin
937 7 AV NE**



Topic: Why Fear Gives Way to Faith (Luke 18:1-8)

April 30 How Trust Replaces Worry (Matthew 6:25-34)

May 7 Learning Through Losses (Matt. 16, Luke 22, John 20)

May 14 Remembering: How the Past can Empower the Present
(Matthew 26 :6-13; Luke 7:44-46)

May 21 Tests that Strengthen You (Matthew 3:16-17; 4:1-11)

May 28 A Special Memorial Day Service

June 4 Grateful for You! (Philippians 1:1-11)

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- 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships With God and others.**
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