

Recognising Jesus in the everyday

Luke 24 verses 13 - 35

West



East

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles 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 recognising him.

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.

'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.'

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.

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

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 recognised 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?'

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 recognised by them when he broke the bread.

The disciples are in despair

Have you ever despaired over faith matters?

What would trigger a spiritual crisis for you?

1. Financial stress
2. Personal tragedy leading to anger with God
3. Disappointment in a relationship
4. Domestic problems
5. Questions or doubts about faith matters
6. Being hurt by my church
7. Lack of clear direction/guidance by God

v16 - Their eyes are kept from recognising him.

Also Mary in the garden outside the empty tomb.

Also the disciples fishing on the lake a week later

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and he disappeared from their sight.**

What has helped you recognise that Jesus is with you when have felt spiritually down?

1. time alone with God
2. talking it through with someone
3. fellowship with other strugglers
4. getting away from the situation
5. sharing in worship or Communion
6. reading familiar Bible passages
7. reading or singing a favourite song

Where do you recognise or meet Jesus the most clearly?

➤ in the Scriptures

Ps 119 v 105 - Your word is a light unto my path....

2 Tim 3 v 16 - All scripture is God-breathed/inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, training in right living.

When we read we need to ask, What are you saying to me Lord?

SU Method

What can I learn about you (F, S & HS),

What insight, example, warning, promise

Pray, Read, Reflect, Apply, Pray

SOAP Method

Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer

- in worship
- in Christian community/fellow Christ-followers
There was somewhere to turn to in sadness and to run to in joy.
- in the ordinary, everyday - at meals, on the road, out fishing
- in surprising, unexpected situations & people

v25 - evidence for authenticity of the gospel accounts.

First piece of evidence - the empty tomb.

Second piece of evidence - the appearances of the living Jesus.

Third is the changed lives of the disciples.

Fourth is the impact of Christian faith in world history.

What gets you excited about Jesus?