

Sunday, 23 March 2008

[Luke 24:25-34](#)

Luk 24:13-16 On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him.

Luk 24:25-34 As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others and saying, "The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!"

The Lord is risen indeed!

Easter... Another week has gone by, but for some without the reverence it deserves. A week generally referred to as a holy week. But does it have a real impact on us, and our lives? It is seen as the most Holy week for Christians, but often we get spiritually more from Christmas than from Easter. It during Easter that we celebrate that which made a difference in our lives. Christ dying for our sins, Christ, undeserving of the suffering, being crucified, and suffering an horrific death. Christ entering death, and in death, defeating Satan, and setting the captives free. Christ then, after all of this, rising from the grave, for us, never to fear death again. The birth of eternal life!

How was this Easter weekend for you? Were you maybe like the Emmaus travellers, spending time to think back on this wonderful time, trying to understand it, but not really understanding the meaning of it all? Did you spend time, trying to meet with Jesus, and learning more about the meaning of it all? Did you yearn for more information and knowledge, and spend time at church, and sitting at the feet of Jesus, trying to learn from Him, refusing to let Him go, for you need His teaching, more than anything?

What is the message of Easter for you today? It's a special message, and it is intended for you. For we are all like Simon. In the mentioned scripture we read about Simons testimony to the others. "*The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!*" God wants you to know that He is not in a grave, and He is not gone. He is alive, and He has a special interest in your live. Like with Simon, He would like to walk with you, and guide you in your times of trouble, and uncertainty. He did not die on a cross for nothing, but with you in mind. He went thru all of that so that you may know that you will never again have to fear separation from God. Thus, regardless of what this week may bring, be encouraged by the knowledge that our Lord is risen, and He will be with you, always, and in everything.

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