

April 15th 2007: Resurrection: Emaeus Road Bible Study: Luke 24:13-35

If there was one Bible study....really have loved to be part of...ONE that Jesus gave

Like all the other disciples.....they were confused about the resurrection reports..
But after this stranger had opened...OT scriptures....they were convinced.....that the R
.not only true.....but planned from the very beginning.....

Let me refresh your minds regarding the details

*It was the Sunday following the Passover.....A day when many Jews would have
been returning*

- *It was especially the day when Jesus rose*

And here we find....two....travelling back the 7 miles to their home in Emaeus

They are not Apostles.....or even well known to us

One is called Cleopas...The other is unnamed...It is highly likely that they were husband

*It was probably mid afternoon when they left.....as they reached their home before
evening.....and they traveled separately from the other.....relishing the opp to talk*

When the stranger came up and began to walk with them.....it seemed that they ignored him-----

-----In those days...it was normal for a lone traveler to join..

But because they were kept from recognizing Him as Jesus.....they shunned...

But the Stranger did not go away.....He simply asked what they were discussing

And they opened up to Him

They told Him about their disappointment → v19-21.....

They told Him about their confusion → v22-24.....

- Then....much to their surprise I'm sure.....This Stranger

Turns into a Teacher cum cognitive counsellor.

He who seemed to know so little about the actual happenings of the last few days

Was able to explain....from the Scriptures

The reason why Messiah came.....How His life and suffering were predicted

And how the resurrection was completed in line with what the Prophets

*(Remember those pictures that used to be around.....When you first look you think that you are
seeing all there is.....But then someone shows to a certain way of looking at it that reveals
another image hidden in the picture. ..Once that person has shown you, then from then on you
always see that other image every time.....And you become a teacher of others.....)*

- That's what Jesus didregarding the OT Scriptures...and these two Travelers !!!

Now it may well be.....that as you listen to.....You have formed in your mind a picture

You can see this couple on a dusty road deep in conversation

→ you see Jesus come alongside

Now if this was a modern day happening.....Jesus would now pull out....

Begin flicking through it and saying..... BUT of course Jesus didn't do that

The OT Scriptures were handwritten scrolls.....kept in the Temple and Synagogues

The education that Jewish children.....was to learn these Scriptures by heart

There on that dusty road Jesus spoke from memory.....as He referred to Scriptures

That they also knew from memory

That's why Jesus began His Bible study with a rebuke in v25.....

- He was simply interpreting for them.....what they already knew

So its no wonder that when they looked back on that time.....they said in v32....

- ISN't is so exciting.....when the Spirit suddenly makes so powerfully clear

A Scripture verse or passage....that you knew before....but never really understood.

This realization hit them of course.....after...what must have been the most wonderful surprise ever

When they reached Emaeus together with the stranger.....He acted as if he would continue on.....But v29—31 tells us.....

After that they couldn't keep this wonderful news.....but returned straightaway.....
In order to share it with the others.

This Resurrection a/c....is poss....the most relevant of them all....for us today

- For these two believers were the first to gain.....understanding of.....
From the Scriptures

They were really the forerunners of people like you and me.....who base....
our belief in the R.....on the truth of.....

& the prompting voice of God HS...making it real to us

- Also....these two....were simply normal believers.....who we never hear of again
They weren't the church leaders.....The hierarchy

Just plain ordinary followers

But they had a job to do: A part to play.....And they did it well
...and that's all that counts

- And I find that so encouraging.....Jesus speaks mighty words to everyday people..... People just like you

- It is also these two....shown to be the most active after their exp the Risen Lord
They returned.....to share with their friends. They put themselves out...to share

And surely.....that's something we should be doing more of

The greatest challenge for mefrom this passage...I found in their action
before they realised that the stranger was Jesus

When the stranger wanted to continue on past.....they urged Him strongly to stay
and consequently great blessings flowed their way

And as I read that I sensed the Lord showing me.....areas of my life.....where He
is not given the place He demands as my Lord....Where He will not force His way in..
Areas where I need to say to Him.....come in and take over

Change my actions.....my thinking here.....Until it is obvious that You live within
That you have the control

Is there areas in your life that the Lord is pointing to.....in the same way?????

- It could be the area of marriage...Is Jesus central in the way you treat ea other
In the way you act in the home....when no-one else is there
- Or the area of your time of Bible reading and prayer.....
Is it so erratic...Lord wouldn't know when to turn up.....
has it become a rushed time.....when even Jesus feels left out
- May be you need to look at the area of your anger.....You know the Lord is not honoured
there.....but you have put off doing something about it.
- Perhaps it's the area of your giving.....worship.....ministry to others
- Could it be your conflict management.....spending.....your view of the poor

In your Participaper.....part where you can respond

Where you can write down an area.....where you will this week....urge Jesus to be part
of.....whole new way.

That's your challenge.....How you respond.....between you and Him.

