



Luke 24:17 & 18

*“You seem to be in a deep discussion about something” he (Jesus) said. “What are you so concerned about?” They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. 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”.*

The dialogue above comes from a passage from Luke that is often titled the Walk to Emmaus. On this Sunday afternoon (the first Easter) there are two disciples walking the approximate 7 miles to Emmaus from Jerusalem. They meet a stranger along the way who they do not recognize. The stranger as it turns out was the resurrected Jesus. The two disciples are so caught up in their conversation about the events of Thursday evening through Sunday morning they are oblivious to everything else. They don’t recognize Jesus and they are not sure even what has transpired. They do know that Jesus had entered Jerusalem just seven days before to shouts of Hosanna and now he was crucified and buried. To make matters even more disconcerting some of the women who had gone to attend to the body have reported that he has arisen and is alive again. It was all very confusing and frankly too difficult to even contemplate.

As we place ourselves in the sandals of these two disciples for a few minutes, what would we have thought? The disciples, both the 12 and the other followers of Jesus had believed that Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah. He had done many amazing things and had taught new and amazing truths of God with Spirit and authority. They were absolutely sure he was the promised Messiah but their teachings said the Messiah would not die and now Jesus was dead. But was he dead? As hard as it was to understand the events of

the week we now call Holy Week, it was even more difficult for them to believe that Jesus had risen. The idea of a resurrection was more that they could take in.

Yet Jesus himself had told the disciples that it was necessary for him to die. That he would lay down his life and then pick it up again. He predicted his death but also his resurrection as did the Holy Scriptures when it told of the path the Messiah must walk. But because this was beyond human understanding, they just didn’t get it.

We now live as followers of that risen Christ some 2,000 years nearly after that first Easter. Even today there are people who scoff at the idea of a resurrected Savior. There are those today, just as in the time of Jesus that don’t believe in God or God’s intervention into the world of humans. There are followers of Jesus today who want to believe he was a wonderful prophet, healer, and teacher but can’t accept the fact he is a risen Lord. All the words of scripture and the testimony of 2,000 years of miracles, martyrs, and saints won’t change their minds, yet we know Jesus is the Truth and the Light. He is the Way.

If you want to learn about the Son of God, Jesus, come and join us for conversation, revelation, and inspiration. Let your new beginning open your heart to the full love of God.