



April 19 – Resurrection Passion! Road to Emmaus

We often act as if Easter is a one-morning occurrence and then life goes on. But what might happen if we allow Easter to be way more than a story, a good feeling, and a one-day thing? Join us this weekend at we look at the possibilities if we allow Easter to open our eyes to Jesus and fill us with passion!

Scripture:

Luke 24:13-33 NLT

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles^[a] 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?" 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.

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."

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.

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.

Questions:

- Have you ever had something shared with you that you found hard to believe – yet in the end it was true? If yes – what was it? Who told you? Why didn't you believe at first?
- What has Jesus told you that you find hard to believe?
- How passionate are you about deepening your relationship with Jesus? Knowing and living more the way of Jesus? What keeps you where you are?

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Ephesians 4:22-24

Tuesday: Romans 12:1-2

Wednesday: John 15: 1-8

Thursday: Ephesians 5:1-2

Friday: Colossians 3:1-3