

Emmaus told their story of how Jesus has appeared to them as they walked along the road, and how they had recognised him as he was breaking the bread.” (Luke 24:35)

Jesus is walking and talking with you along the way; invite him to reveal himself to you in what you are doing, in the people you meet, through the circumstances you find yourself in. Invite Jesus to open your heart and mind to recognise Jesus, and then share that walk with those you meet. Share what you and Jesus talked about. In doing so you’ll be helping others recognise Jesus in their day.

I invite you now to take time to pray. Thank Jesus for walking with you, and

recall with him some of your day, and invite him to reveal how you was there.

Second, invite Jesus to talk with you about how he sees life, how he sees you. Invite Jesus to speak and listen.

Thirdly ask if there is anyone who would like to be prayed for.

Take your time; isn’t it wonderful none of us have got anything else to rush off to!!!

Take your time and enjoy recognising Jesus. Enjoy walking and talking with Jesus in all of life. Remember Jesus is present and interested in everything you do; from your gardening, your work, your family, your hobbies,

your sorrows, your joys. He come to share himself daily with you; walking and talking with you.

Wouldn’t it be a shame to be in such a hurry that you don’t recognise him? Wouldn’t it be a shame to be so fixed on how you think things should go that you miss the joy and freedom of Jesus presence?

Today I invite you to regularly pause, take a minute, and ask Jesus to reveal to you his presence, what he’s been saying, so you might recognise him and let the joy of his presence flood into your life, into your living.

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## EASTER—2

Luke 24:13-35



Today we’re going to look at one of the accounts of the risen Jesus. I invite you to look up the story from Luke’s account of Jesus; Luke 24:13-35. As you read ask the Spirit to speak to you, opening your heart to the risen Jesus.

Two of Jesus’ followers are walking home to the village of Emmaus. They are despondent; their hopes and dreams have been dashed. They had been riding the wave of Jesus coming to re-establish the kingdom of Israel. They had been dreaming of him becoming king, setting them free from Roman rule, birthing a new political nation of Israel.

What high hopes they had. Only to be dashed. Jesus was crucified and now they are confused by the report that his body is missing. I guess we’ve all had a taste of this; having our hopes dashed. I’m sure we all can relate to how these disciples would have been feeling.

Where all their hopes and dreams gone? Was Jesus gone?

Here they are walking and talking with Jesus but don’t recognise him. Actually the whole time they were with Jesus, the last three years, they didn’t really see who he was. They’d seen Jesus through the lens of what they wanted to happen rather than seeing themselves through Jesus’ eyes.

That got me reflecting on what could be stopping me from recognising Jesus? What might be stopping you from recognising Jesus in your daily life?

Is Jesus alive and well? Of course. Is Jesus seeking to interact with you daily, maybe even walking and talking with you? Is Jesus walking and talking with us in this season of the COVID virus?

What might be stopping me from recognising him?

As I was pondering this I was reading Jesus life story as recorded by Matthew; Matthew chapter 9. Here I encountered people who recognised Jesus and people who didn’t.

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Jesus’ disciples multiplying disciples

<p>People brought a paralysed man to Jesus. "Seeing their FAITH, Jesus said to the paralysed man, 'Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven.'" (Matt. 9:2)</p>	<p>happen, so they reject him.</p> <p>This scenario is played out throughout Jesus life story; there are two groups, those who are open, seeking, emptying themselves. That's the people of faith. And those full of themselves,</p>	<p>Jesus revealed to these two followers how the bible had told what would happen to the Messiah. How he would suffer and die, and on the third day rise again. And that is exactly what happened. Jesus track record is good; he can be trusted.</p>	<p>with you. To invite you to be part of his hopes and dreams for life, for the future. Today you're invited.</p>	<p>talk, talk from the depth of our souls.</p> <p>Jesus risked talking from the depth of his soul. That's what I see on the cross; Jesus revealing his heart and soul, so we might live out an intimate relationship with him. This is the guy who is inviting you to risk being real</p>	<p>I invite you to take a minute to stop and ask Jesus to reveal himself in the situation you find yourself in. He's there with you, no doubt about it. Ask, and then be quiet for a minute giving him space to talk.</p>
<p>FAITH is the key word, these people come trusting Jesus. They come placing their hope in Jesus. These people come to who? Jesus! They come placing their life in Jesus' hands.</p>	<p>Jesus is inviting you to come walk and talk with him</p>	<p>He's done what was revealed would be done. This is the guy to trust with your life; his promises come true. He</p>	<p>And there is one simple way to accept that invitation; take Jesus at his word. Become vulnerable, trusting what Jesus says is true, will happen. Empty yourselves of your own ideas of what is possible and accept Jesus for who he says he is. Look at life, at yourself through</p>	<p>What helps you recognise Jesus, so that you might enjoy his presence</p>	<p>I invite you to take a minute to appreciate the beauty around you. Ask Jesus to speak to you of his Father, through the</p>
<p>In this story there's another group of people; "But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, 'That's blasphemy! Does he think he's God?'" (Matt. 9:3)</p>	<p>interpreting everything through what they think is possible, according to their ideas. They're the ones who miss Jesus, the very Messiah they are looking for. The very answer to their hopes and dreams.</p>	<p>has the power and authority to do what he says.</p>	<p>Jesus eyes, letting him shape who you are and the reality you live in.</p>	<p>with him. Risk inviting him into your life, so that he becomes the one who shapes you, your life, your future, your hopes and dreams.</p>	<p>beauty of his creation. Stop for a minute; ask Jesus to speak, then be quiet and listen. If you feel like praising your heavenly Father for the beauty of his creation then do. If you feel like praising Jesus for the love you enjoy, the things you love, then do. He made them to be enjoyed and celebrated, for they speak of him.</p>
<p>These people, even though they are hoping for the Messiah, don't recognise him. He's there, talking to them, but they don't recognise him. Jesus doesn't fit their ideas of what is meant to</p>	<p>Isn't that a tragedy.</p> <p>Jesus is inviting you to come walk and talk with him, seeing life through his eyes. I love the thought of living in Jesus' hopes and dreams.</p>	<p>Jesus is inviting you to trust him, to see your life through his eyes, letting him call the shots. Jesus invites you to come walking and talking with him as he makes sense of COVID19, as he leads you into life beyond your wildest dreams.</p>	<p>Then begin walking and talking with him. Begin asking Jesus, seeking to listen to his opinions above everything.</p>	<p>Jesus has come, not to be obscure, but that we might recognise him in our daily lives. The followers recognised Jesus when he broke the bread. What helps you recognise Jesus; so that you might enjoy walking and talking with him daily.</p>	<p>Did you notice at the end of the story we're told; "the two from</p>