

Luke 24: 36-53

In the upper room, two men from Emmanua trying to convince disciples Jesus alive...read text

The greatest discovery one can make is that Jesus is alive...pray that many here may discover this. "I already know it. This isn't my first Easter, etc. What do you mean?"

I hope that Holy Spirit will do such a work in us that we will come to know, really know that Jesus is alive.

The interesting thing about the resurrection -- difficult to get the disciples to believe Jesus alive. Mary thought ~~xxx~~ He was the gardner, then Mary told the disciples, He personally appeared to Peter, the Emmaus men did not immediately recognize Him. They were disciples but didn't recognize him. THIS HAPPENS EVERY SUNDAY IN CHURCH.

And she, supposing it to ~~xxx~~ be the gardener...WHAT A TEXT! How many suppose Jesus to be something else...and inadequate, distorted view of Jesus.

THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS ABLE TO CONVINCEN THE DISCIPLES JESUS WAS ALIVE, WAS JESUS HIMSELF. Old Test. Scriptures, testimony, teaching of Jrsus didn't do it. When they saw Him the first time, they thought it was a ghost....THEY BELIEVED ONLY WHEN THEY HAD A PERSONALLY ENCOUNTER WITH THE RISEN LORD...

CONTRAST THE TWO UPPER ROOM SERVICES John 20...fear and locked doors, no joy, no peace, no power, talking about faded memories. No PRESENT EXPERIENCE...trying to rekindle fond memories of past days.

Discovering daily Christ working through me,
Accomplsihing daily what could never be,
Discovering daily, I can't but He can;
Thanking Him daily for my place in His plan;

Discovering daily how life can be real,
When I'm living in Him and He's living in me.

Discovering daily a songin my heart,
With anticipation for each day to start,
Basking in love so divine,
Sécure in the knowledge that I am His and He is mine.

But it's more than mere contentment;
It's excitement I see;
A daily adventure -- Christ living in me.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DISCOVER THE LIVING LORD--

I. HE GIVES THEM A NEW PERSONALITY

Vs. 41--"NEB. They ~~xxx~~ thought it was too good to be true." Their joy was almost a hindrance to their faith!!! IT'S TOO GOOD NOT TO BE TRUE!

Then He's taking from them again--the ascension...But it didn't

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renewed the following
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destroy their joy. I would have thought they would plunge into depression, etc.

Their personaliy had changed...the second upper room service.

1. He changes the personality that is full of emotional despair... Mary came to tomb filled with emotional despair...but even two angels couldn't lift her from it. WE OFTEN THINK IF SOMETHING SENSATIONAL COULD HAPPEN, A MIRACLE...but only Jesus could change and cure emotional despair.

2. He cures intellectual doubt -- Thomas

One encounter with the Living Lord will settle all doubts. No doubts about the WORD, VIRGIN BIRTH, ETC., when a man knows Jesus alive and Lord.

3. He cures spiritual defeat -- Peter. Probably greater defeat than any of us have known. So weak, a little girl could make him deny His Lord...then in Acts 4 he challenges the very ones who crucified Him.

Peter never had trouble with that again.

Jesus becomes real cures our defeat...Prayer, witnessing, giving...

Many are substituting intellectual facts for experiential faith.

II. A NEW PERCEPTION OF THE SCRIPTURES...v. 45-- "Opened their understanding..." He disentangled their thoughts...Then when He told them to tarry, they obeyed, when He said He would reruned, they rejoiced.

God gives you a new Bible...

III. A NEW PURPOSE TO SERVE -- "Ye are witnesses of these things.

IV. A NEW POWER OF THE SPIRIT FOR LIVING..."endued with power..."

Concl: Jesus met every need they had, the emotional, intellectual, the spiritual need