

Easter Sunday How important is it for your Christian Life?

Are you living with the resurrection power?

"And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty."

On the road to Emmaus

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;



Midday on Sunday

Jesus appeared to
the two disciples

They failed to see Jesus

but they were kept from recognising him.

Three Reasons - They were:

- Overwhelmed by emotion
- Overcome by circumstances
- Blinded by hearts of unbelief



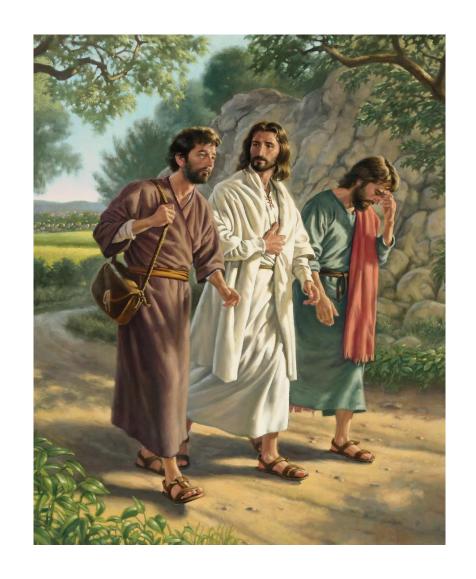
Overwhelmed by Emotion

17 He asked them,
'What are you discussing
together as you walk along?'
They stood still, their faces downcast.

Depressed, Discouraged, and Disappointed

Hope dashed on the cross.

Buried in a tomb



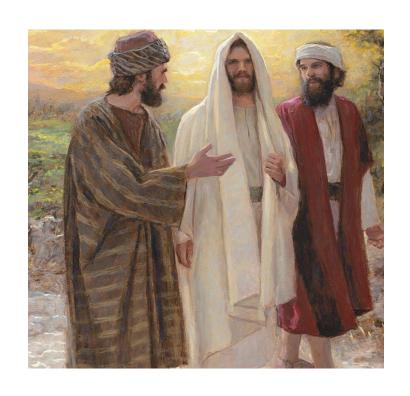
Jerusalem

A place of pain, sorrow, regret, death

¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'



²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;





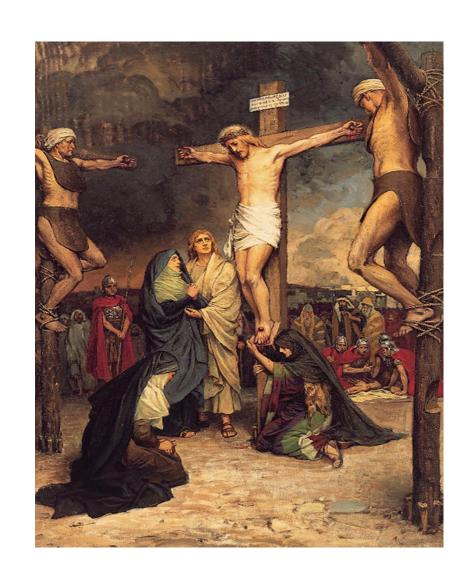
Overcome by Circumstances

²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

Blinded by experience and unmet expectation

Jesus The Crown
Not The Cross

The Conquering Messiah
Not Suffering Servant



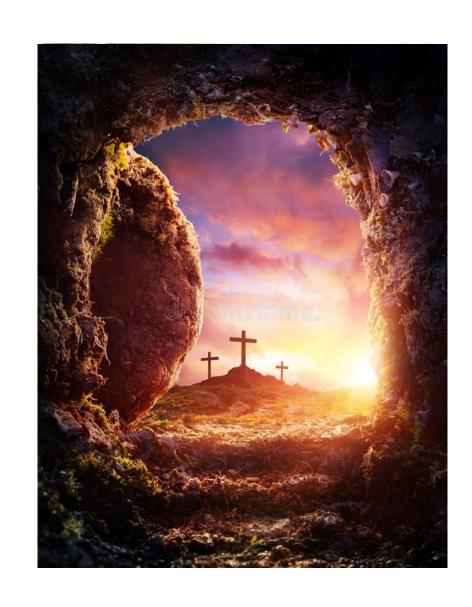
Confused

²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body.

They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.

²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

They couldn't comprehend the resurrection



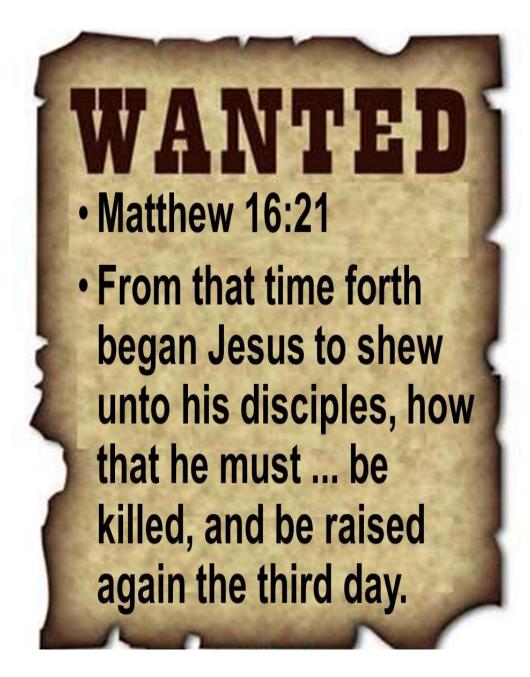
Blinded by their Hearts of Unbelief

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?'

They have forgotten their OT!

What Jesus has told them



Jesus Restored them

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Jesus taught and led them with the Scripture

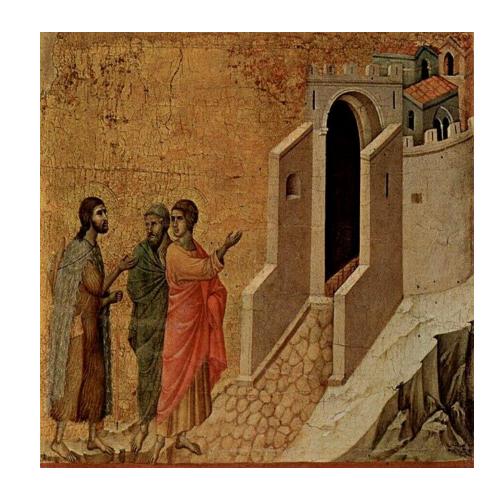
Work on their mind to reach their heart



Their hearts were stirred

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

They were drawn to Jesus



Jesus Ministered to Them

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight.

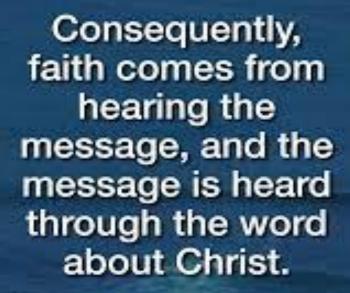


Their Eyes
were Opened
to See Jesus

<u>Their Hearts</u> were Convicted

³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'





- Romans 10:17 | NIV



Back to Jerusalem

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem.

They were Restored

From sorrow to joy, regret to hope, death to life

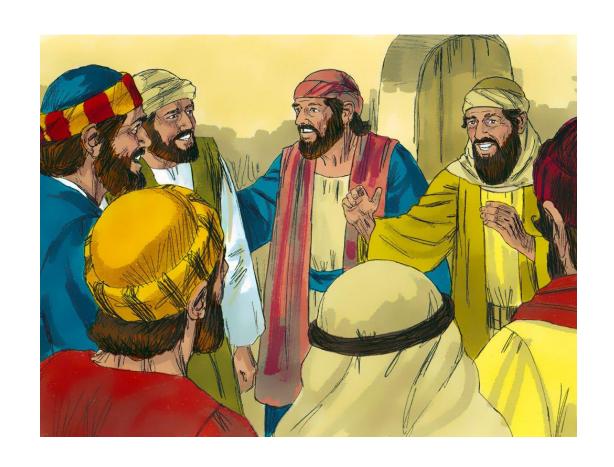




They were Transformed and Shared the Good News

There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.'

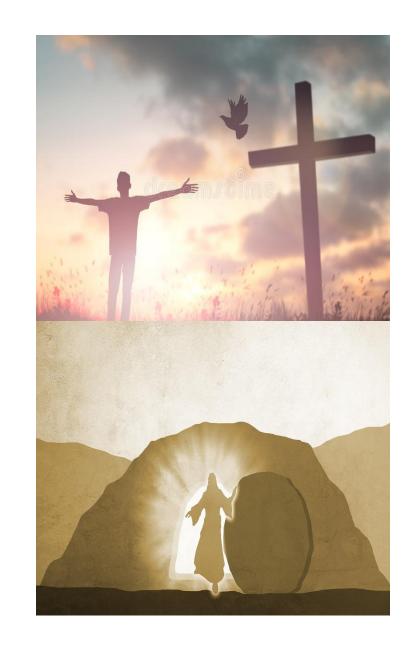
The Lord has Risen! Jesus is Alive!

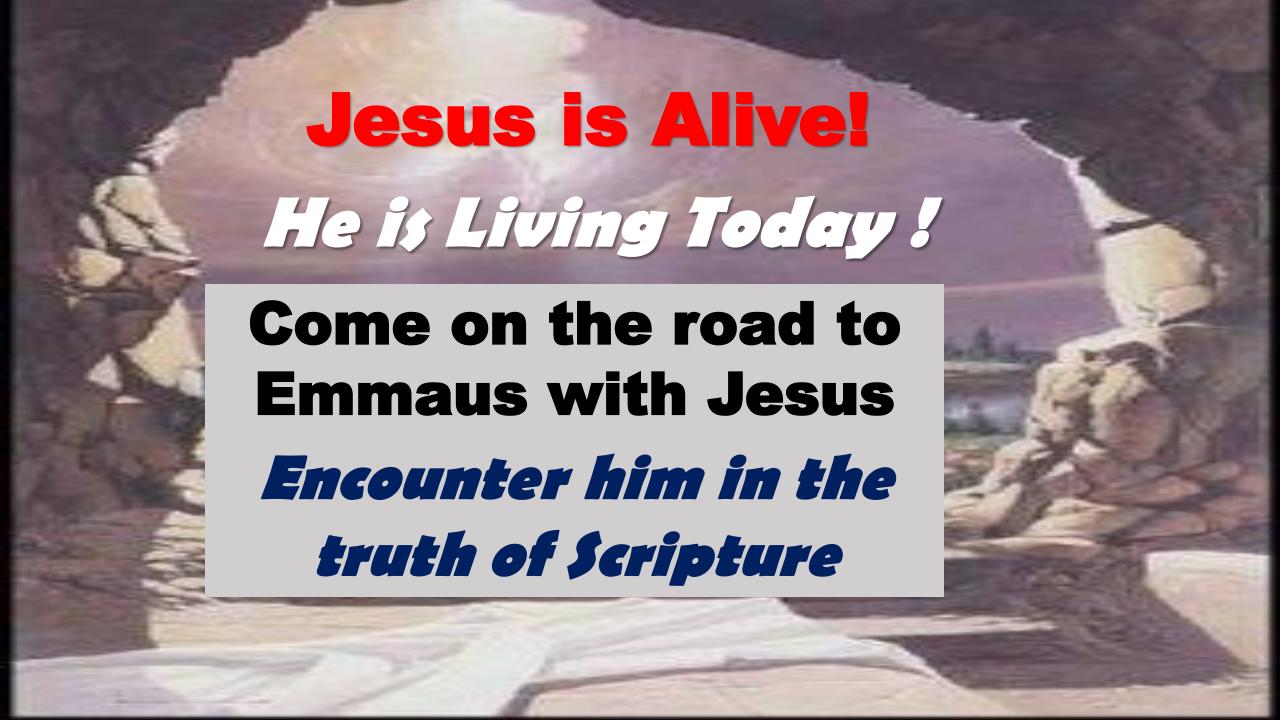


How about us?

Are we living with the Resurrection Power in our life?

- Are we blinded to see Jesus resurrected on Easter?
- Are we blinded by our emotions, our circumstances, our prejudices, our unbelief?







Live the Resurrected Life in Christ

Romans 6:5

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

A Life of Joy, Hope, Peace and Purpose

Everyday!

