

"WALK BETWEEN THE LINES" SE1903

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1. INTRO TO READINGS

The empty tomb didn't lead everyone to instant praise. While one or two believed immediately, the more common reaction was doubt and uncertainty.

We're going to catch the tail end of the discovery of the empty tomb and then join two disciples

Most likely a husband and wife named Clopas (or Cleopas) and his wife Mary.

2. READINGS

Luke24:25-32

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"

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

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 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.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 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?"

3. SERMON

3.1. WHERE WOULD YOU SEND JESUS ON RESURRECTION SUNDAY

- Herod's Palace - "Remember me?"
- Temple Steps - "I'm back."
- Or even a victory lap of the Triumphal Entry
- The last place would be the dusty road to Emmaus with unknown disciples.

3.2. THE EMMAUS ROAD IS A PARABLE IN ACTION

We can't identify Emmaus with any accuracy today...

We can't identify the disciples with 100% accuracy...

But Luke tells us it's 11km.

About 3 hours' walk when you're sad...

The road is a parable or picture of life.

And there are some valuable lessons from the road.

1. Companionship is vital: Especially if this is a marriage
2. Working through pain is necessary
3. Jesus is there but we don't always recognise Him.
4. Jesus will help us process our pain
5. And we must tell the gospel story
6. Jesus roots and grounds them in Scripture
7. Hospitality leads to blessing
8. Communion can open our eyes
9. God can use even unknown disciples

ROOTED AND GROUNDED

But it's the rooting and grounding in Scripture that I want to concentrate on...
Why did Jesus spend so much of His resurrection day with them?

1. He wanted to teach them the Scriptures.
(He opened the Scriptures to them)
2. He wanted them to see Scripture is about Him
We are Christians and not Biblians...
3. He wanted to set their hearts on fire.

SO MANY EXAMPLES OF THIS:

- Reading the Bible opens up a whole new world in knowing Jesus intimately.
- My Bible is my anchor to a God centred life
- Reading the Bible is very meaningful to me.
It helps me to find peace when I'm anxious.
It gives me hope and is a constant reminder that I am loved just as I am and this is very precious.
- Reading the Bible is like getting the chance to look into a mirror and getting to see and hear Jesus speaking

SO HOW CAN WE READ THE BIBLE

1. Walk with Jesus
2. Ask Him to open the Scriptures
3. Take a systematic journey but keep your eyes on Him
4. Let Him set your heart on fire

CONCLUSION

We are grateful for the Bible Society - print so many Bibles.
Many of us have many copies...

- Do we open the Bible?
- Do we share it with others?

During Lock-down we encouraged people to go back to their Bibles