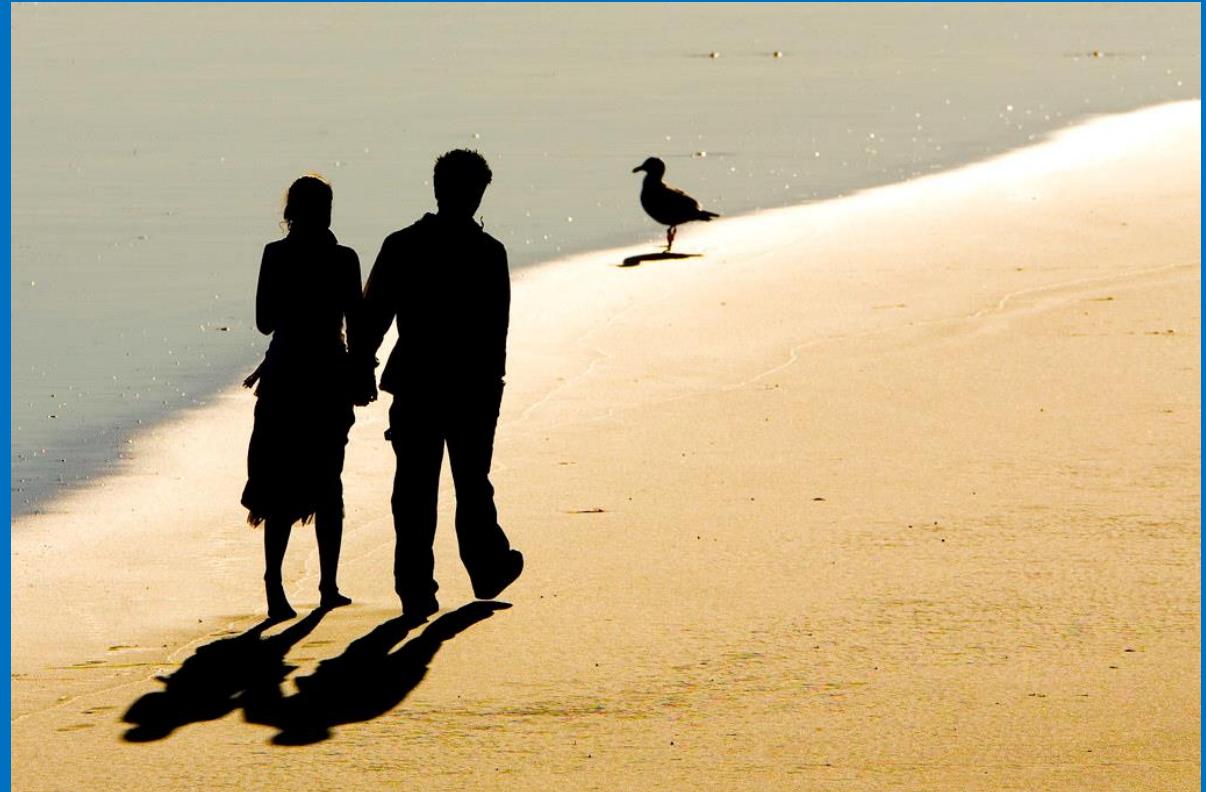


Alive and Kicking!

Luke 24:13-35 (Topical Message)



- (1) Many of us like the 2 men on the road to Emmaus don't know that Jesus is resurrected from the dead and is alive.*
- (2) Many of us like the 2 men on the road to Emmaus don't recognize Jesus and we don't realize He is always by our side.*

Luke 24:28-31 (NASB)

²⁸ And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He began giving *it* to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

A Conversation Among Friends

Luke 24:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.

Two friends were talking: These conversations usually start with have you heard “This or That?”

Have you heard they crucified this man named Jesus?

A Stranger Approaches

¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

Jesus wasn't ready to reveal Himself to them yet in this context. But after His accession into Heaven after this particular conversation, *He is willing to reveal Himself to whoever inquires of Him and sincerely seeks Him.* If you want to know more about Jesus Christ, He will reveal Himself to whoever asks: It says that two men stood still, *looking sad.* They were saddened by the crucifixion of Jesus. I would be sad to, if that's were the story ended. But the story of Jesus goes on from there, and the story continues today.

Where have you been?

Did You Hear What Happened?

¹⁹ And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. ²¹ "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. ²² "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. ²⁴ "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."

That's a lot to digest isn't it? That's like saying the doctors found a cure for the Coronavirus today, did you hear? That's like saying that 1000s of people that were dying, have been made well by this new cure.

Jesus is alive, and will forever be alive!

Its all in God's Plan:

²⁵ And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶"Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Bottom Line: It was necessary for Christ to suffer, be crucified, be raised on the 3rd day, and enter into glory at the right hand of God to offer mankind forgiveness of sins, which is Eternal Life (Spiritual Life, Christ's Life).

(Forgiveness of Sins) = (Eternal Life) = (Spiritual Life) = (Christ's Life)

Ezekiel 36:25-27 (NASB)

²⁵ "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NASB)

⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Psalm 22:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.

Acts 1:9-11 (NASB)

⁹ And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. ¹¹ They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Brothers and Sisters – We are in the (Church Age) dispensation of Grace. Jesus is coming a 2nd time back for His Church. He explained from the scriptures who He was to the 2 men during a meal, He is also explains to us today from the same scriptures (the Bible).

I see the Global Pandemic as a wake up call the world that they need to look to Jesus Christ for Life. Not in worldly things, our careers, our spouses, other people, the Government, etc. Jesus is saying:

Wake up World – What you Need is Me!

Recognizing Jesus:

²⁸ And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

You might say that this it was easy for these 2 men, because Christ was physically there eating a meal with them. But, Brother's and Sister's – Christ is in every Child of God, and He is seen in them: Jesus is drawing men to Himself from the heavenlies, and to His Children who He is in.

John 12:32 (AMP)

³² And I, if *and* when I am lifted up from the earth [on the cross], will draw *and* attract all men [Gentiles as well as Jews] to Myself.

Galatians 1:15-16 (NASB)

¹⁵ But when God, who had set me apart *even* from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,

Paul says that God was pleased to reveal His Son in me. That is Christ being seen in another man.

Jesus wants to be recognized, and wants to give you His Life. He is alive, that is the Easter message (Brothers & Sisters)!

Jesus is Alive:

³² They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" ³³ And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

(Q) Is your heart burning right now?

(Q) Do you know that Jesus is Alive, and risen from the dead and offers you His Life?

(Q) Do you know that Jesus is what you need, and have been searching for?

(Q) Do you know that Jesus offers you rest and peace in troubling times?

Brother and Sisters – this is the Easter message. Jesus is “Alive & Kicking”. Jesus rose from the dead to offer you His Life. Jesus is the answer!

“Jesus is Alive & Kicking”

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*Wakeup Call – What you Need is Christ,
He is the Answer!*

Happy Easter!

