

ON A WALK WITH THE RISEN JESUS

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Happy Easter! 2019

BIG IDEA: In the resurrection, Jesus reveals himself as the surprising fulfillment to all the Jewish Scriptures and in doing so hijacks us from the way we were into hope, purpose and fullness. Resigned-Reframed-Recognized-Respond.

¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened... Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. 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?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people... we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² Also, 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."

1. RESIGNED to the way things are. They were living in sync with the old reality.

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

"You search the Scriptures, thinking that in them you have eternal life, but the Scriptures point to me!" **John 5:39**

"One of her descendants will crush your head, and you will bite his heel." **Genesis 33:15** NCV

"the punishment that brought us peace was on him," **Isaiah 53:5**

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross" **1 Peter 2:24**

2. REFRAMES it—the past story is no longer in control.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 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.

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 recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 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?"

3. RECOGNIZE him—that he is here, alive, present and powerful.

"this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, Simon, but by my Father in heaven." **Matthew 16:17**

4. RESPONDED by trusting him.

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. 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." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.