

WEBS Home Church - Road to Emmaus

Welcome

Good morning all. Josh McDowell said this ‘the resurrection of Jesus is either the most vicious of hoaxes or, the most fantastic fact of history’. Thank goodness its the most fantastic fact, not just of history, but right now and for the future. Today is another resurrection account, this time from the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35 - On the road to Emmaus.

Enjoy - from Dawn Airey and Jo Icke.

Worship

Let’s pray: Father, in these times we need to know that you are walking with us, so Holy Spirit would you meet with us this morning, reminding us that we are not alone as we come to worship. Amen.

- Follow the youtube links for one or more of the worship songs - ‘Tell the world’, ‘Carry the Light’ or ‘Christ the Lord is risen today - He is not dead’. If you’re doing the first two songs, how are the actions coming along?

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=KXk1TFL52Ho>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOE4bMaM2AU>

The next link shows you some actions to ‘Carry the Light’ but it doesn’t have the words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QySgaCOIHRc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNrV2fX5Qb4>

Reading

You have a choice! You can either read the bible passage below or go straight to the link to either of St Mary's Facebook pages to watch Jo's video story, OR, do both!

Luke 24:13-35 New International Version (NIV)

On the Road to Emmaus

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] 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; **16** but they were kept from recognising him.

17 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. **20** The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; **21** but 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** 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.”

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.

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 recognised 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?”

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 recognised by them when he broke the bread.

Video story

Follow the link to either of St Mary's Facebook pages or youtube to watch Jo's video called 'On the Road to Emmaus'.

<https://www.facebook.com/bozeatcafeconnections/?ref=bookmarks>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Church-Wollaston-315298721841752/>

Questions to think about

-this season is difficult, e may be finding it difficult to holdout hope, we may be praying for COVID-19 to go away and we're waiting, trying to stay hopeful that you will deal with this. This story of despair as these two friends walk together, they had hoped for so much, but as they walked with Jesus they poured out how they were really feeling. And not once did Jesus say he wasn't interested, or tried to change the subject. He stayed with them no matter how full they were of fear or doubt, and He stays with us. What are you really feeling this morning - tell each other in the company of Jesus.

-The two friends struggled to see Jesus right in front of them! Where is Jesus in the midst of your life right now?

Prayers:

Here are some things you will need for the prayer time - bath mat (preferably a bobby one), scouring pads, small stones, string/wool/rope & sponges. Once you've collected them, spread them out around the room to create a 'walk'.

The two friends on the road to Emmaus talked as they walked with Jesus, so take off your shoes and socks and speak to God as you 'walk' on the things you've collected.

- Bath mat: Stand on the bath mat and thank God for your family and home.
- Scouring pads: Think about people that we find difficult, that maybe rub us up the wrong way - maybe its the people in our household right now! Ask God to bless them and ask for His help in working together.
- Stones from the garden: Stones are hard. When you stand on the stones think about people who might be in a hard situation right now, maybe because they are ill, lonely, finding it hard to cope or are a front line worker.
- string or rope: place the string on the floor in a scrambled/messy way: When you stand on it think of what feels confusing/messy right now. Ask Jesus to help makes things feel less messy - be specific about what you'd like Him to do.
- Little sponges: Sponges are soft and comforting. End your prayer time by standing on them and thanking God for people and things that He has given you that bring peace and comfort.

Say together:

Thank you Father that you listen to us because of Jesus, Amen.

Final Blessing

And so may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Have a blessed week walking with Jesus.....