

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Luke 24:13-35
Monday	Luke 24:36-53; Psalm 69:1-4; Proverbs 12:10-12
Tuesday	Mark 3:22-35; Psalm 69:5-12; Proverbs 12:13-16
Wednesday	Mark 4:1-34; Psalm 69:13-19; Proverbs 12:17-20
Thursday	Mark 4:35-5:20; Psalm 69:20-28; Proverbs 12:21-23
Friday	Mark 5:21-43; Psalm 69:29-36; Proverbs 12:24-26
Saturday	Mark 6:1-29; Psalm 70; Proverbs 12:27-28

DEVOTIONAL: READ LUKE 24:13-35

Disappointment. Broken dreams. Failure. As two men walk down the road to Emmaus a few days after Jesus had been crucified, you can feel the sorrow in their hearts. The risen Jesus approached them but kept His identity hidden from them. When He encountered them, they stood still, looking sad. Jesus could have revealed Himself at that moment to their joy and amazement, but He had a different approach. Jesus spoke to them about all the prophets and explained what had been prophesied about Himself. When they were disillusioned and depressed, Jesus pointed them to God's Word as recorded in the Scriptures. The reports of the resurrection, which they perhaps wanted to believe but couldn't, might have become more and more plausible as they heard the Old Testament prophecies explained. There was something about this stranger, this spontaneous traveling companion, that compelled them to invite Him to stay with them.

Once they sat down to eat, Jesus broke bread, and suddenly they realized who He was. He vanished, and they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he... opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32). Once they realized that they had seen the living Christ, they realized their journey for the day wasn't over. In their joy, they returned the entire seven miles they had just walked so they could share the good news of the resurrection. Their sadness was now joy, their disappointment replaced by hope. The Lord had risen indeed!

What a familiar picture this should be for us! Jesus, walking with His despondent followers, encouraging them with God's truth from the Scriptures, revealing Himself through the breaking of bread, all to encourage their faith. Just as on the road to Emmaus, Jesus is alive today, and is still revealing Himself to those who seek Him through His Word and through the breaking of bread.

REFLECTION

When was a time Jesus revealed Himself to you when you may not have expected it?

How has Jesus revealed Himself to you through His Word? Through the breaking of bread in community? How are you engaging with Jesus in this way now?

If you were taking a walk with Jesus, what would you want to ask Him? What would you talk about? Consider praying to Him right now about the things you want to discuss with Him.

How is the joy that comes from knowing Jesus has risen evident in your life? How are you declaring this to others?

DISCUSSION

Do you ever talk to God? Do you feel He listens?

PRAYER

O Christ, I am so thankful to know You! Open my eyes, and reveal Yourself to me as my Risen Savior. You are alive, and I want You to be evident in my life every day. May I not be blind to the presence of Your power nor to the power of Your presence. Help me to walk with You humbly and follow Your lead.

May my heart burn within me as I meditate on Your Word. Help me to seek You in scripture and reveal Yourself to me through every word.

Reveal Yourself to me through those who know You. Surround me with people who love You and help me to love them as You love them. As we break bread, sweeten our fellowship, and remind us of Your sacrifice. Amen.