



RBC CONNECT GROUP STUDY FOR WEEK 17/5/20

POST RESURRECTION – THE ROAD TO EMMAUS PART 1

Please note: As always, the following questions are discussion starters to the topic of faith. Feel free to explore what faith is as you begin your discussion.

Bible Reading: Luke 24:13-27

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles 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 recognizing 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.

Before we look at this story in a bit more detail...

- 1) Can you see a certain irony in these verses? Hint v18

In his A Reading of Luke's Gospel, Brendan Byrne SJ notes that v17 in the Greek reads, "What are these words that you throw back and forth at one another as you walk along?" P206

2) What does Jesus' use of these words suggest to you, if anything at all?

Consider verse 16:

3) Are there things, be they situations etc. that prevent you from recognising Jesus?

As you read this story:

4) Do you see an indication that Jesus respects the personhood of Cleopas and his friend?

5) Are you conscious of times when you do not feel the presence of Jesus being with you v15,16?

A final comment on this story in relation to verses 25 - 27:

6) Has there ever been a time in your life when you have needed something explained to you?

Prayer:

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus, guide us on the path toward our destination, and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you. Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us; open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love; and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely. Amen

Next week: 'The Road to Emmaus Part 2' Luke 24: 28 - 35