



RBC CONNECT GROUP STUDY FOR WEEK 24/5/20

POST RESURRECTION - THE ROAD TO EMMAUS PART 2

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 24:28-35

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?" 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.

Look at verses 28 & 29 again.

1) How do these verses sit with Hebrews 13:2?

Some translations use the word "hospitality" rather than "entertain".

2) What do you think hospitality means?

3) Have you ever shown "hospitality" to a stranger?

4) At what moment do the disciples recognise Jesus? Does this have any bearing on how we should view our communion service?

Note that as Jesus broke the bread their eyes were opened.

5) What does this actually mean? What would have been a clue?

As soon as Jesus gave them the bread he disappeared from their sight. If you review other post resurrection appearances of Jesus it **could** be assumed that He was a ghost.

6) Was He a ghost? What was He then?

As these men looked back on their experience they say "were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road."

7) What does that mean? Have you had a similar experience?

Prayer:

Go now as witnesses of God's eternal presence.

The risen Christ has made himself known to you

in the breaking of bread, so set your faith and hope on God,

fulfilling your vows and living in genuine mutual love.

And may God hear and respond whenever you call;

may Christ Jesus make himself known to you in all things;

and may the Holy Spirit open your eyes and set your hearts on fire with love.

Next week: 'The Day of Pentecost' Acts 2:1-6