🔈 13<sup>th</sup>

# Encountering the Risen Lord

Luke 24:20-35

The resurrection of Jesus is one of the greatest truths that brings the most benefit to our faith. Today, the resurrection faith gives life, brings transformation, and empowers our lives. In today's passage, we encounter the story of two disciples who experienced the glory of the resurrection. These two disciples were plunged into deep despair and sadness due to the sudden crucifixion of Jesus. They were leaving Jerusalem and heading to a village called Emmaus, trying to escape the situation.

Yet, today they experience spiritual restoration. Why? Because they encountered the risen Lord. They came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

How did they encounter Him? How did they regain their certainty?

As the two disciples were walking to Emmaus, Jesus came to them and explained the Scriptures. And at that moment, their eyes were opened to meet the risen Lord (verse 27, 32) (John 5:39, Acts 1:3). Jesus didn't just tell them He had risen: He explained it through the Scriptures. The crucial factor in meeting the Lord of resurrection power is realizing His presence in the unfolding of His Word. It's in the Spirit's illumination within the Word, alongside the Word, and through the Word that we come to believe in and encounter the risen Jesus.

What changes occur for those who meet the resurrected, living Jesus through His Word?

#### First, their eyes are opened to see the risen Lord (verse 31).

We should pray, "Lord, open my eyes." We all need to experience the history of seeing the risen, living Lord in His Word, in prayer, in worship, and sometimes in the faces of others.

#### Second, their hearts are ignited (verse 32).

A warm faith signifies spiritual transformation. Lukewarm faith lacks power. We desire the Holy Spirit to reignite our fervent spirits.

#### Third, the direction of their lives is altered (verse 33).

The two disciples, on their way to Emmaus, couldn't stay still after their encounter with Jesus. They rushed back to Jerusalem, covering 25 miles at midnight to preach the risen Jesus to those still in fear and despair. Restoration of purpose and mission is crucial. Their return to Jerusalem signifies leaving the place of faithlessness and missionlessness. Those who encounter the risen, living Jesus rise up. They rise in mission, in preaching, and from places of despair and sadness.

### Bīble Memorī -zatīon

### A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." (1 Corinthians 15:17)

## Bīble Readīng

4/1(Mon)	4/2(Tue)	4/3(Wed)	4/4(Thur)	4/5(Fri)	4/6(Sat)	4/7(Sun)
Ruth 4 1 Sam. 1-2	1 Sam. 3-6	1 Sam. 7-9	1 Sam. 10-12	1 Sam. 13-14	1 Sam. 15-16	1 Sam. 17-18

# QT

### Quiet Time Passage

4/1(Mon)	4/2(Tue)	4/3(Wed)	4/4(Thur)	4/5(Fri)	4/6(Sat)	4/7(Sun)
1 Kings 1:1-10	1 Kings 1:11-27	1 Kings 1:28-37	1 Kings 1:38-53	1 Kings 2:1-12	1 Kings 2:13-25	1 Kings 2:26-35

## Sharīng Questī*o*ns

1. Please share what new realizations or grace you received through today's message.

2. If you've experienced the living presence of God through His Word, please share.

3. Let's pray together, seeking the grace of encountering the risen, living Jesus in our lives, bringing about transformation.