

"AND IT CAME TO PASS HE TOOK BREAD AND BLESSED IT AND BRAKE, AND GAVE TO THEM. AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY KNEW HIM." LUKE 24:30, 31

"BY WHAT ARE WE KNOWN?"

CRUCIFIXION HAD LEFT DISCIPLES IN DARKNESS AND DESPAIR. JESUS HAD SOUGHT TO LEAD THEM INTO DEPTHS OF UNDERSTANDING BUT THEY WERE CONTENT TO PADDLE IN SHALLOWS. SO, WITH HIS DEATH HAD DIED THEIR HOPES. LIFE HAD TUMBLED IN. NOTHING LEFT TO LIVE FOR. ALREADY BEGINNING TO SCATTER.

TWO ON WAY TO LITTLE VILLAGE OF EMMAUS. ARE WEIGHED DOWN WITH GRIEF AND DISAPPOINTMENT. JOINED BY WINSOME STRANGER WHO ENQUIRES REASON THEIR GRIEF. BEGINS TO OPEN SCRIPTURES TO THEM. THEIR HEARTS BEGIN TO GLOW AT THE UNFOLDING STORY. AT LENGTH VILLAGE IS REACHED AND THEY CONSTRAIN THE STRANGER TO STAY WITH THEM. AND THE REST OF THIS STORY YOU KNOW - FOR IT IS A BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT IN THE RESURRECTION MINISTRY OF OUR LORD, HOW THE STRANGER AND GUEST REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE WONDERING EYES OF HIS DISCIPLES IN A VERY SIMPLE ACT.

LISTEN TO LUKE'S ACCOUNT OF THE REVELATION - "HE TOOK BREAD AND BLESSED IT.. AND THEY KNEW HIM!"

OUR ACTS REVEAL US JESUS KNOWN IN BREAKING OF BREAD. AMAZING HOW MUCH WE REVEAL THROUGH OUR ACTIONS. WHISKEY BOTTLE ON CHURCH LAWN. RAISES QUESTIONS IN OUR MIND - WHY DOES HE DRINK? FROM WHAT IS HE TRYING TO ESCAPE? WHAT MAKES HIM FEEL SO INADEQUATE? WHAT IS HIS PHILOSOPHY? IS HE HAPPY? IS HE MARRIED? WHAT DOES HIS FAMILY THINK OF HIM? THE ACTION OF A MAN WHO THROWS A WHISKEY BOTTLE ON A CHURCH LAWN IS SURELY REVEALING.

ACTIONS REVEAL THE INNER MOTIVES. JUDAS RECEIVING THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER. PILATE WASHING HIS HANDS. JESUS WASHING THE FEET OF HIS DISCIPLES. SOLDIERS GAMBLING FOR GARMENTS OF JESUS AS HE DIED - THESE ACTIONS ARE SO REVEALING. AGAIN, JESUS WAS KNOWN TO THESE OBSCURE FOLLOWERS IN A SIMPLE RITE - IN THE BLESSING AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD. SIMPLE ACT BUT IT TOLD SO MUCH.

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