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The Emmaus Road
What Happens When Jesus Walks With Me
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Robert Zund 1877 – Most commonly known



Lelio Orsi: 1560-65

(Italian...more human, floppy walking hat, walking stick, looks like them...and the storm is clearing)

1. When Jesus Walks With Me - He Calls Me Into Dialogue With Himself... tell me about what you are discussing as you walk along/what concerns you? (Prayer)

Not for information. He knows what has happened. (irony here)

Sometimes we say we don't want to pray because God know it all anyway. Not so. We were created for fellowship with God. As we walk along Jesus is very interested in what concerns us.

NOTICE: He doesn't just appear and say, "Hey look guys, its okay. Feel better now. I am alive. Its all good."

No...he asks them what they are going through. God is a respecter of humanity, and genuinely desires our communication with him...the sharing of our lives and our deepest longings...wants us to open up...

2. When Jesus Walks With Me...He Uses The Journey To Teach Me. God walks with me in Christ, on my life's journey to help me see and recognize him (holy spirit)

I wish I had been in on that Emmaus Road. I wish what Jesus said on that walk, to explain things – how the Old Testament connected to the New Testament – I wish that had been written down somewhere – and published by Bible Study Fellowship, or Zondervan or InterVarsity Press – or self published by Jesus himself.

Wouldn't that be great? Here is Jesus' 7 mile Bible Study for the world! Read his exact words.

It strikes me though, the content of what he said isn't recorded here. It doesn't seem to be the point. It tells me that as much as our Bible knowledge is important, what really changes us is our experience of the Living Christ. (Lord I want to experience you again...good prayer)

3. When Jesus Walks With Me...My Heart Burns Within Me

Conviction, this is the best thing, I am in the presence of the Holy, I was created for this fellowship.

4. When Jesus Walks With Me....I Seek More Of Him

Stay with us. The hour is late. Don't go further.

Why would Jesus act as if he were going further? Because he has tremendous respect again for our choices. He does not bang down doors, he stands at the door and knocks/ for those of you who have been victims of abuse this is a very important characteristic of God

He does not come to earth as a tyrant, sweeping away sin and pronouncing how it will be. Intrusive, showing off his power. He doesn't have to. He is God in love with the world.

People who have true power, don't need to show it off. They have nothing to prove...

All powerful God - He comes as humble servant and changes everything - especially us - walks alongside us

Holy Spirit - one alongside to help...

He wants Cleopas and the other disciple to truly want him - to choose for him.

5. When Jesus Walks With Me...His Life Inside Me Is A Witness To His Risen Presence.



Caravaggio - 1601-1603

The table is an altar - bread and grapes/eucharist - very bright
Apples...the Fall

Fish tale in shadow...Icthus fish

Peter on right with shell

Astonished - recognition...

Just when they recognize him...he vanishes. How impolite!

Why? Now his life, in the sacrament, lives in them...

This is the foundation of my faith - I can take risks, turns me
around (on the road - dangerous)

This is the foundation of the formation of the church – Go back to Jerusalem/he is risen! Yes he is! Isn't his great!

This is the witness of the community of faith. You know him? You have seen him? So have I!

Brings joy, draws us into community and the ability to take risks for God's kingdom.

Amen...