

"Cleopas"

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Scripture Lesson: - 18-36.

Text: St Luke 24:30&31.

Introduction: - Two men, Cleopas & Luke walked one day the greater part of 8 miles with Jesus and failed to recognize him. They talked about the the cricifixion of the Lord only three days before, for it was on Easter day that this walk was taken. They asked him the meaning of the obscure passages of the old testament, and heard heard such answers as no man had ever heard, or will hear. They listened to s sermon, the greatest sermon ever preached. The topic was the resurrection, the preacher, the risen savior, and the time the hour of the Lord's matchless triumph. Their hearts burned within them, yet did not know that they were walking wit with Jesus Christ. Recognized him at supper.

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He disappeared. Hope was gone, and with it the power to see. Readily see. Old man who had lost a daughter. "She is dead, sir, been dead for six years. Of course I did not follow low it up. No use to follow it up.

When hope dies, man's readiness to see dies too. Cleopas walked the Emmaus road with a stranger, who spoke as only One could speak, yet did not recognize him. For the hope of seeing him has at last been buried under the sod.

They met him in an unfamiliar place. A village that he had never entered. It was in Judea. Had it been in Galilee you would have heard about it often.

To the preacher who had been in Galilee.

Nor was it Jerusalem, the city of Pilate, Herod, and Judas the traitor. Man under a bridge.

They saw him at a time when they could not see clearly. No hope, no memory, but light also were also were denied them. It is light we need. Much of this worlds sin is due to ignorance. Much of the worlds piety is due to a clear visions of the consequences of one's actions. It is light we need, light for the sinner and light for the saint.

We, many of us go the way to Emmaus. The way soubts, discouragements, perplexity, pain, hopelessness and dimness of vision.

Old preacher writing a sermon on Easter. "They shall know and believe as I do now.

The teen age boy asked his S.S. teacher how it was she knew. "I know because I have felt his living presence, because he revealed himself to me!"

The Holy Spirit has not limited his work by his conversation to a few saints long ago. The Holy Spirit talks to you and to me today.

Never lose hope. You will meet him sometime.

