



Open Eyes

Burning Hearts

April 4, 2010

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"You seem to be in a deep discussion..." he said. "What are you so concerned about?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ...Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there...to Jesus, the man from Nazareth. He was a prophet who did wonderful miracles. He was a mighty teacher, highly regarded by both God and all the people. But our ...religious leaders arrested him and...crucified him... That all happened three days ago. Then some women from our group...were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, Jesus' body was gone..."

Then Jesus said to them "...Wasn't it clearly predicted by the prophets that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his time of glory?" Then Jesus quoted passages from...all the prophets, explaining what all the Scriptures said about himself.

By this time they were nearing Emmaus and...Jesus would have gone on, but they begged him to stay the night with them, since it was getting late. So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took a small loaf of bread, asked God's blessing on it, broke it, then gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts feel strangely warm as he talked with us...?" And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem, where the eleven disciples...were gathered. When they arrived, they were greeted with the report, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter!" Then (they) told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them... And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them...They stood there doubting, filled with joy and wonder.

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"Suddenly Jesus himself **came along** and **joined** them & began **walking beside** them"

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"But they didn't know who he was" (16)

1. Exemplary _____

"He...did wonderful **miracles**. He was a mighty **teacher, highly regarded**" (19)

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2. Hearts Burning With New _____

"Didn't our **hearts feel strangely warm** as he talked with us" (32)

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