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Title: How Real is Jesus?

Text: Luke 24:1- 35

Introduction

Every testimony of salvation is a wonderful witness of God's love and grace. When shared, the life transforming encounter with Jesus impacts both the one sharing and his listeners. It tells how real Jesus is!

HOW REAL IS JESUS TO YOU?

We can learn from the believers who witnessed Jesus death and resurrection.

- 1) The believers immediately after Jesus death were all in a dilemma.
- 2) The encounters with the resurrected Jesus was a new experience for the believers.
- 3) Jesus appeared, walked, talked, fellowshiped, with the believers. He showed Himself **alive** and **real** to them.

I. WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO TO FIND THE LIVING JESUS.

- a. Do not go to the tombs. "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (vv5,6)
- b. Do not walk away from the fellowship of believers. "...were traveling to Emmaus ... seven miles from Jerusalem" (v13)
- c. Do not depend on the reports of others. "... they had seen a vision of angels who said He was alive ...and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." (vv22-24)

II. WHAT YOU SHOULD DO TO FIND THE LIVING JESUS.

- a. Ask Jesus to abide or stay with you. "But they constrained Him, saying, 'Abide with us,' ... And He went in to stay with them." (v29)
- b. Fellowship with Jesus – involve in what He does. "... He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him ..." (vv30,31) note v16 too.
- c. Take His Word intently. "...He expounded to them all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." (v27) note v32

The two believers returned to Jerusalem to testify to the eleven that they have been with the Living Jesus. Their disappointment took a turn upon meeting their resurrected Lord.

Conclusion

Jesus will be real to you today!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Heb 13:8

"Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore." Rev 1:17.18

