

RECOGNIZING JESUS ALONG THE WAY

Don't Miss the Point – Part 4 of 4

Luke 24:13-36

April 12, 2015

1. We often encounter Jesus in unexpected times and ways.

As they were talking and thinking about what had happened, Jesus came near and started walking along beside them. – Luke 24:14-15 CEV

“Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’” – Matthew 25:37-40 NLT

2. When Jesus speaks, we often fail to recognize it as His voice.

But they did not know who he was. – Luke 24:16 CEV

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. – Hebrews 1:1-2 NLT

3. It is very difficult to discern Jesus' voice if we are not in the Word.

Then starting with what Moses and all the prophets had said about him, Jesus began to explain everything that had been written about himself in the Scriptures. – Luke 24:27 NCV

God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and spirit are joined, to the center of our joints and bones. And it judges the thought and feelings in our hearts. – Hebrews 4:12 NCV

“Human knowledge must be understood to be believed, but divine knowledge must be believed to be understood.” – Pascal

4. Jesus draws near to those who seek to draw near to Him.

When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther. They begged him, “Stay with us! It's already late, and the sun is going down.” So Jesus went into the house to stay with them. – Luke 24:28-29 CEV

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. – Proverbs 8:17 NIV

“Look! I’m standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me.” – Revelation 3:20 CEB

5. Nothing fills our hearts like spending intimate time with Jesus.

They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?” – Luke 24:32 CEB

This Week at Freedom:

Adult Small Groups: All groups resume their regular meetings.

Small Groups for parents and students in grades 7-12, today, noon-2:00, at Lee and Cindy Fruh’s house.

Cornerstone (Freedom Youth): Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00, in Suite D

Celebrate Recovery: Every Thursday in Suite D; Dinner at 6:15; Meeting at 7:00; For all who are seeking to cope with major hurts, habits or hang-ups in life.