

jan 8

every since yesterday the story in luke 24 about the men on the road to emmaus has kept filling my thoughts. i don't know if that is something the Lord wants me to talk about or not. i freely admit that. i don't even know that i fully understand the significance of it.

we know that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". 2 tim 3:16 with that in mind, we realize there is nothing mentioned in the bible without significance. i have even heard teachers say the brief mentions should perhaps receive greater attention and study. this story is only related by luke.

i have a picture on my wall depicting the three traveling on the road to emmaus. it has been there for several years though and not drawn any special significance to mind, other than recalling a bible story. i wish i had the gift of interpreting dreams and such. perhaps then i could understand things more clearly. but we know He gives us what we need when we need it. having that confidence, i will try to explain what i think this is all about. i stand ready to receive any different interpretations from wiser ones.

we are all traveling on a road; some with a destination in mind and others without. Jesus (or the Holy Spirit) joins us all at some point and begins to reveal His self to us through all the writings which foretold His coming and work of redemption. to the unlearned it may just be a sense of what is right and wrong; perhaps a

realization there was a creation and a creator. He would then travel on unless we invite Him in at our stopping point. it's only when we invite him in that He is revealed to us.

it is then we say, as the travelers did, "did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the scriptures to us?" luke 24:32 is the witness of Jesus burning in your heart? this is the famous passage from st. augustine's confessions in which he states "you have made us for yourself, o Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you".

i love the book of hebrews. it talks of entering God's rest. it is a rest a and a peace the world can never offer. a rest that can only be entered by faith and trust. "and to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? so we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." heb 3:18-19 and "we who have believed do enter that rest". heb 4:3

have you entered that rest? have you reached your destination or are still wandering? wandering can be a lonely trek without a companion and often ends up lost. will you not welcome One who knows the way; One who is the way? Jesus has said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. no one comes to the Father except through Me." john 14:6 a bold statement if they can not back it up. will you ask Him to back it up? He can and He will to the one who is honestly seeking.

we know the temporary state of this life. all who have

ever lived have experienced it and we will too. there remains only One who rose again from their experience. He rose again to an eternal life which will never cease. He offers that to all who would believe. to all who would enter that rest. are you made peace with your creator? He offers a resurrection that justifies one's true diligence and seeking.

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