

REMEMBERING HOPE

Luke 24:13-24

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

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He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

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“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

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In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

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“What oxygen is to the lungs, hope is to the meaning of life.”

Emil Brunner

“But we had hoped...”

Luke 24:21

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:25-27

"You have to give to receive. You have to surrender to something outside yourself to gain the strength within yourself. You have to conquer your desires to get what you crave. Success leads to the greatest failure, which is pride. Failure leads to the greatest success, which is humility and learning.

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In order to fulfill yourself you have to forget yourself. In order to find yourself you have to lose yourself.

That inverse logic is the moral logic. There is no other."

David Brooks

How to be Religious in the Public Square

“The resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing.”

Frederick Buechner

"I grant you that amongst the available doctrines of salvation, nothing can compete with Christianity [whose promise of the resurrection]—provided, that is, that you are a believer."

Luc Ferry, *A Brief History of Thought*