

EASTER: MARCH 30 & 31, 2013 • RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

Luke 24:13-34

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# Some Scriptures Jesus could have shown them...

ISAIAH 53:1-6 The Messiah will be pierced for our transgressions

ISAIAH 53:7-12 The Messiah will be buried in a rich man's grave, yet will live

**PSALM 22** Crucifixion told from Messiah's viewpoint, including exact words said on cross, exact manner of death

Remember, these were all centuries old in the time of Christ, yet they foretold the events of his death and resurrection in astounding detail



# **Daily Meditations**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

## Monday

Read Luke 24:13–35. What emotions do you suppose Cleopas and his companion were feeling? How can you relate?

In the resurrected Christ's appearances to these two, to Mary Magdalene, and to the disciples in the upper room and later on the lakeshore, he seems almost playful. Why do you think this is so?

Although they did not recognize Jesus at first, they said "our hearts were burning within us as He explained Scripture." How is this similar to the experience we can have with Jesus today?

Ask God to help you see, in faith, your risen Savior Jesus Christ at work in your life each day.

## Tuesday

Reread Luke 24:27 and read Luke 24:36–45. We all struggle with doubt at times. What did you learn about Jesus' response to doubt in these verses?

Read Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22, just two of the many passages Jesus might have spoken about with Cleopas and his friend. On another page, list the prophecies in these chapters about Jesus.

How do you think these verses made Cleopas and his friend feel?

How do these prophecies help you? Which of these prophecies means the most to you?

Today, thank God for His power demonstrated conclusively in passages like this—and rest in Him, because you have proof here that He knows all about tomorrow!

# Wednesday

The Bible says you and I have the power of the risen Christ at work in our lives if we believe in Him! Read Ephesians 1:18–20 and 2 Corinthians 4:13–14. What do you feel powerless over in your life?

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How can God's power help in this situation?

If you really believed that you had the exact same power that raised Christ from the dead, what would you do that you have been hesitant to do?

Ask God to help you truly believe and understand that you are empowered by the Holy Spirit!

#### **Thursday**

Read a passage we like to rediscover each Easter: John 11:21–27. What do you say to Jesus' question: "Do you believe this?"

What difference has your faith in the resurrected Christ made in your life? What difference could it make if your faith was stronger?

Thank God specifically for the hope of the resurrection—be specific about what it means to you! If you have never done it before, say "yes" to Christ's question in this passage: "Do you believe this?"

#### Friday

Read John 21:1–17. What are your initial observations about this passage?

How does this passage give you hope about your own failures and your future in God's plan?

Today, thank God for His grace and forgiveness to you!

#### <u>Saturday</u>

Please ask God to bless the services this weekend as we continue our Proverbs series, that many lives would be touched. Thanks!

