

The title for today's message is: **Walk With Your Living Lord**

Jesus said: ***“What are you discussing together as you walk along***

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

It is a challenge for us today to truly appreciate the disappointment that the two disciples in our text must have felt concerning Jesus.

Like so many others at that time Cleopas and the other disciple saw some promising things in Jesus.

And for a while it seemed as though he was the Messiah for whom they were waiting.

He taught with authority, performed miracles, and showed concern for everyone. But on Good Friday Jesus' lifeless body was placed in a tomb.

Now to them it looked like Jesus wasn't who or what they had hoped for. To begin addressing their disappointment Jesus asked them; ***“What are you discussing together as you walk along?”***

They just stood still, their faces downcast when the one named Cleopas, asked Jesus, ***Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?***

And much to their surprise Jesus said; ***“What things?”*** To that the disciples quickly replied; ***“About Jesus of Nazareth”***

They continued saying; He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people, yet they sentence Him to death and crucified Him.

Now, several thousand Sundays later let's imagine that you and I are taking a walk with our living Lord this morning.

Where Jesus asks us, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" Now we might respond, "Are you only a visitor to planet earth?

Don't you know about the things that go on here?" And Jesus says to us; "**What things?**" And we faithfully answer; "Well, we're followers of Jesus.

He is God's Son. He suffered and died for our sins and through faith in him we believe He rose from the dead giving us eternal life.

Even though the Bible tells us that He rules everything for our good. We, like the two disciples hoped things would be better for us as His followers.

We thought that we would always be healthy and wealthy as disciples of Jesus. But we face all kinds of trials and troubles.

Our bodies still get sick, and wear out, and die. Our relationships with others often fall apart. At times we struggle to make ends meet.

And we also had hoped that Jesus would do something about the evil in the world.

Violence, murder, and hatred seem to thrive while all things good are looked down upon.

It's not that we don't love Jesus or believe in him it's just that we had higher hopes for Him and for our lives in Him."

I am sure that each of us could add our own personal feelings and experiences with disappointment.

And because Jesus loves us He is willing to listen to us. That's why we need to regularly walk with our living Lord.

He is always ready to deal with our disappointment. As we walk with Jesus He reminds us that He lives and reigns eternally.

Now that fact alone sufficiently answers all our disappointments in life. Now getting back to our text.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were not only disappointed in Jesus they were also very confused about Him.

They went on to say, it is the third day since all this took place. 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. His tomb was empty.

And some angel messengers had stated in no uncertain terms that Jesus was alive. Could the facts about Jesus' resurrection have been any clearer?

Everything happened the way Jesus said it was going to happen. But still the disciples were confused.

After patiently walking with them and hearing firsthand of their disappointment and confusion Jesus says.

“How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets.

Here He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself." What a change of events.

This guy who seemed to have been living under a rock unaware of everything that happened in Jerusalem suddenly had all the answers.

Starting in the Book of Genesis and continuing on in the Old Testament Jesus walked these two disciples through the plan of salvation.

He opened their hearts and minds to see the Savior in the Scriptures. That was the key to clearing up their confusion.

Jesus' post-resurrection appearances weren't just accidental or happenstance.

In addition to proving that he was alive there was a purpose behind each appearance. He comforted Mary Magdalene.

He offered peace to his fearful disciples. He told doubting Thomas to touch his glorified scars.

At the Sea of Galilee he again filled the fishing nets of his disciples. That served as a reminder and an assurance that they would be fishers of souls through their living Lord's power.

Jesus appeared to five hundred of his followers, to James, and to the Apostle Paul.

Each of Jesus' post-Easter appearances met the spiritual needs of those who saw him.

Today we have seen Jesus. He came here to walk with us through life and to walk us through the Scriptures.

He is happy to listen to our disappointment and our confusion. But he also tells us what we need to hear.

Friends, continue to walk with your living Lord. Let him deal with your disappointment. Let him clear up your confusion. Let him set your heart on fire. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.