Lesson 22

CHAPTER 24, ILLUMINATING LIGHT

Imagine the rug has been pulled out from under you. Has that ever happened in your life? Your dreams, your hopes, your aspirations for a new day, a new life have been obliterated. It's over. But a light has dawned. I love to cross reference the gospels to get a feel for what happened after the resurrection of Jesus. For fun read Matthew 28:1-20, Mark 16, and John 20 with Luke 24.

1. What speaks to you the most after reading about the day of resurrection from the gospels?

2. Luke 24:13-35 is the story of the walk to Emmaus by two of Jesus' disciples. What are the key points of this story?

 The two on the road to Emmaus knew Jesus had been crucified and his body had disappeared. How important is the resurrection of Jesus to our faith? Compare this story to 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. What does the cross of Jesus mean to you? What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you?

4. What explanation did Jesus give to prove his claim to being the Messiah? Why do you think it was important for Jesus to refer back to the Old Testament? See Matthew 5:17.

5. The disciples had not been convinced by the women who reported from the tomb. How does Jesus respond to this in verses 36-43? How has Jesus met you in your doubts?

6. What directives does Jesus give his disciples, and how are they going to be empowered?

APPLICATION: The Bible study Jesus gave to the two on the road to Emmaus must have been amazing. How has the study of God's Word affected your life? Ask the Lord to give your heart a burning desire to know Jesus as He is revealed in scripture.

PRAYER: Holy Father, our loving "abba" daddy, you meet each of us where we are but refuse to leave us there. We thank you for Luke and his systematic account of the life and teachings of our savior, Jesus. Imbed these truths in our hearts as we go forth as witnesses of your grace, mercy, and love. Give us divine appointments so that we can declare your kingdom has come on earth in the form of Jesus, our King of kings and Lord of lords. We give you all honor and glory. Amen