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Let's Talk

If Jesus appeared as you were out walking your dog, or taking a hike, or sitting in your backyard, what questions would you ask Him? What would you like Him to explain to you? How do you think you would know it was Him with whom you're speaking?

Let's Study

Pastor Jon has reminded us that this series is all about working through unbelief, skepticism, doubt, deconstruction, and faith. This week, we'll talk about 2 new sign posts: **unseen presence** and **revelation**.

- 1. Read Luke 24:15-16. "But they were kept from recognizing Him".
 - Why do you think God is keeping them in the dark for now? (Consider Augustine's words: "The Lord's absence is not an absence. Have faith, the One you cannot see is with you.")
- 2. Read Luke 24:2. "But we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel."
 - Are you surprised that His followers still didn't get it? That they thought Jesus was going to fix
 everything in their world including foreign occupation and their lack of freedom?
 - For three years, Jesus had said He would suffer. How could His followers have missed this?
- 3. Read Luke 24:22-24 What differences do you think there were between these two men and the women who went to the tomb?
 - What made them "see" what the two men could not?
- 4. Read Luke 24:25-35. Describe the process that takes place here.
 - Why do you think that their eyes were only opened after Jesus broke bread with them?



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Let's Apply

- 1. Pastor Jon observes that all other great religious teachers have pointed away from themselves to their teachings. For example, Buddha said "be lamps unto yourselves", but Jesus said "I am the light of the world". Mohammad claimed only to be a prophet of God; Jesus claimed to be God. Jesus is our unseen presence, one of our signposts. He has never stopped walking with us. How does this truth impact our faith and our journey?
- 2. We are constantly bombarded by distractions. What spiritual disciplines and practices can we use to minimize them?
- 3. What would it take for us to have a fresh revelation of Jesus, to have our minds opened and to have our 'hearts burn within us' once again?

Let's Pray

Dear Jesus, thank you for Easter. Thank you for coming to earth to save us, teach us, heal us, shepherd us, guide us, and die for our sins. We need You now more than ever. Please open our minds. Please reveal Yourself to us. Please help us to turn from a life of sin, to turn from living life as if we were in control of our destiny. Our souls are restless.

Thank you Father God for all Your good gifts to us. May we be less distracted and recognize these daily gifts that You have so generously bestowed upon us.

Amen.

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