

## **Raised for More - I Can See Clearly Now**

1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

Clarity is an underrated quality. Beyond physical sight, clarity of \_\_\_\_\_ and direction is just as important.

Johnny Nash wrote "I Can See Clearly Now" after \_\_\_\_\_ surgery AND a period of profound \_\_\_\_\_ and adversity. Seeing clearly involves both a physical and a mental/emotional/spiritual component.

BOTH these ideas overlapped on July 4, 1952, when Florence Chadwick set out to swim the 21 mile Catalina Channel. A dense \_\_\_\_\_ rolled in. After 15 hours she threw in the towel, only to find out she was only 1 mile \_\_\_\_\_. Later she said, "*All I could see was the fog... If I could have seen the land, I would have made it.*"

Two months later she tried \_\_\_\_\_. 13:47.55 later she not only became the first woman to do it, she also shattered the men's record by more than 2 hours. Her lack of ability to see physically demanded more clarity of \_\_\_\_\_ and ability to accomplish her goal.

In Luke 24, Cleopas and Co. are \_\_\_\_\_ and depressed because they can't "see" clearly. They see the road to Emmaus. They "see" all the reasons for fear and despair, but they don't "see" life and the world \_\_\_\_\_.

They saw a world without: Resurrection, and therefore a world without \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore, without \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_, suffering, and the ordinary.  
A need for anything and everything except \_\_\_\_\_.

But Jesus is there, ready to move them from toward \_\_\_\_\_, hope, and purpose by helping them see clearly.

Jesus is ALIVE! There is HOPE and PURPOSE. This isn't all there is. What we do reverberates into \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus is ALIVE! He is walking with us even when we can't \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
Jesus is ALIVE! He has \_\_\_\_\_ us from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

Thankfully, we can have the same experience as Cleopas and Co. because Jesus:

*"...interpreted to them in all the \_\_\_\_\_ the things concerning himself."*

Was made known to them in study and conversation with other \_\_\_\_\_.

Was made known to them in the breaking of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*How has life left you confused, discouraged, hopeless, and purposeless?*

*How might God be looking to bring you clarity through his Son, Jesus?*

*How is the Spirit leading you to see Jesus more clearly in the Scriptures?*

*How is the Spirit leading you to discuss Scripture and the life of faith with brothers and sisters in Christ?*

*How is the Spirit encouraging you to more intentionally seek out fellowship with other Christians?*

*How is the Spirit providing opportunities for you to bear witness to what God has done in your life?*