

April 26, 2019 (Easter 3)

1. Luke 24:13-35 ... On The Road to Emmaus

Their eyes were opened, they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

Bultmann's Interpretation: *“Christ appears as the unknown traveler, as God of old liked to walk among human beings, in simple human form.*

From a lecture by Marcus Borg at St. Andrew's College: Borg tells his audience that he has made 5 trips to the Holy Land, and he has been taken to the village of Emmaus on each trip, and yet, he has been shown a different village on each occasion! His conclusion: “Emmaus is nowhere. Emmaus is everywhere!”

2. Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ... Peter speaks at Pentecost

“The whole house of Israel shall now know that God has made this very Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah”. “What shall we do, brothers?” “Repent, and let each of you be baptized!”

3. 1 Peter 1:22-23

(John Elliot's translation and commentary ...)

“Having purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth for an un-hypocritical brotherly (and sisterly) love, with a pure heart love one another constantly since you have been born again not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

A Note: In 1 Peter, “truth” like “grace” summarizes in a single term ... that reality by which (Christians’) actions are controlled. For children born of God and the word of good news, truth has replaced “former ignorance”: ... thus “truth” is here synonymous with the “word of God”.

4. **Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19** (*Translation by Mitchell Dahood*)

1. *Out of love for me, Yahweh did hear my plea for his mercy. ... 12fwd. How can I return to Yahweh all his favours to me? I will take the chalice of salvation and invoke the name of Yahweh. I will fulfil my vows to Yahweh in front of his people.*

Some questions we might choose to ponder:

1. *What have been our “Road to Emmaus” experiences? Whose words and/or actions have inspired us to be more fully involved in our faith journeys?*
2. *How do we fulfil our respective “vows” (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Marriage, Ordination, Covenanting, etc.) to God?*
3. *What is our understanding of the term “born again”?*