

**Expectations & Recognition**

**Monday, 4/20/09 – Read Luke 24:13-16**

My Observations: \_\_\_\_\_

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A Question to Answer: THIS WEEK we are going to study the account of another resurrection appearance of Jesus -- this one from Luke’s gospel, “the walk to Emmaus.” TODAY’s reading notes one of the most remarkable features of the Risen Lord: he is not always recognizable, at least not initially. ... Have you ever felt that the Risen Lord has been with you but you didn’t recognize it at first? What was the moment of recognition like for you?

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**Tuesday, 4/21/09 – Read Luke 24:17-21a**

My Observations: \_\_\_\_\_

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A Question to Answer: Today’s reading reminds us of one of the most significant errors that we make in our journey with Jesus: we expect the wrong thing. That is, we expect something of Jesus, we expect something of God, and then we get disappointed or disillusioned when it doesn’t turn out that way. Maybe we expect a quick and easy healing. Or maybe we expect God magically to resolve some difficult situation in our lives. ... What had the disciples in today’s reading been expecting of Jesus? What are your expectations of God? Have you ever felt disappointed because God didn’t do what you expected?

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**Wednesday, 4/22/09 – Read Luke 24:21b-24**

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A Question to Answer: Again in today’s reading we are pushed to look at our expectations. We expect God to do one thing, and sometimes God doesn’t do that. Instead God does something we don’t expect. We can feel befuddled and confused. The early reports of resurrection were confusing to the disciples. They weren’t expecting it. It didn’t fit their preconceived notions of what God was doing. Do your expectations of God sometimes keep you from recognizing what God is really doing?

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**Thursday, 4/23/09 – Read Luke 24:25-27**

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A Question to Answer: The Risen Lord interprets the scriptures, the Bible, to these two disciples as they walk along together. The Bible is often confusing to us. We need God’s Holy Spirit to illuminate our understanding. With the ears of faith (trust!) we sometimes hear the Risen Lord speaking to us through the words of the Bible. Have you ever experienced that? Can you remember the passage you were reading when it seemed that the Lord was speaking directly to you?

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**Friday, 4/24/09 – Read Luke 24:28-29**

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A Question to Answer: Can you today make the petition in today’s reading your own prayer? Can you say, “Lord, stay

with me”? ... As you move through your daily activities today, speak that prayer in the silence of your own heart: “Lord, stay with me.”

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**Saturday, 4/25/09 – Read Luke 24:30-32**

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A Question to Answer: The moment of recognition comes in the intimacy of table fellowship, as the disciples are sitting at table together and sharing bread with this wandering stranger. When do you recognize the Risen Lord’s presence? Does it sometimes happen when you are gathered around a dinner table with those you love? Does it sometimes happen when the family of God is gathered around the Lord’s table to share communion? When do you experience the Risen Lord’s presence?

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**Sunday, 4/26/09 – Read Luke 24:33-35**

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A Question to Answer: These disciples, immediately after recognition, returned to Jerusalem to share their experience. Is there some experience of the Risen Lord that you still need to share with a faithful friend?

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## **Participation**

**What do I hear God saying to me today?**

**What action do I intend to take this week?**

*Each day this week, take a few minutes. Begin with PRAYER. Then READ through the Bible passage indicated on the inside of this guide. WRITE down your own thoughts, reactions, observations. ANSWER THE QUESTION to begin connecting the Bible with your life. Use additional paper or your own notebook if you need more space to write.*