

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Mystic Interval

The Risen Christ (Cont.)

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

And the one of them, whose name was Cleophas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast thou not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? — Luke 24:13-18.

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went; and he made as though he would have gone further.

But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. — Luke 24:28-31.

When the risen Christ vanished from the sight of the two in Emmaus, both of whom were filled with a holy joy and reverence, they returned to Jerusalem and the upper room where they had met Him before His departure, bearing the glad tidings of the Resurrection, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed."

Only in the Gospels of Mark and Luke is recorded the tenderly intimate story of the walk with the two Disciples on that first Easter Day.

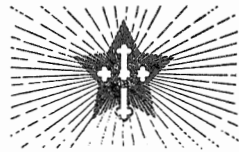
In the ceremonial of the Last Supper the Christ had shown them how to impregnate a physical object (bread) with spiritual power so that it could

become a repository for healing forces and afterwards be used to heal. This he did again as He blessed the bread and gave it to them, and by this same act they recognized Him.

The Eleven were gathered in that sacred place, the upper room where the holy ceremonial of the Last Supper had taken place.

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all



the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. — Mark 16:14-15.

In each Gospel Christ's appearance to the Eleven is emphasized by a promise of their future attainment.

The Disciples went to the Mount (high spiritual consciousness) to confer with their returned Master. The transformation in the lives of these eleven men begins with the Resurrection Day. They had bathed in the glory of His Transfiguration; the breath of His immortality had touched them. No longer did their interest center in a physical throne set up in Jerusalem. They now visioned the light which encircles that celestial throne in the fair land of the New Jerusalem. Once glimpsed, they never lost sight of its resplendent glory -- which outshone the light of funeral pyres and gleamed about the cross of martyrdom.

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