

SEEING IS BELIEVING?



Word of the Week

Luke 24: 35-48

"The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

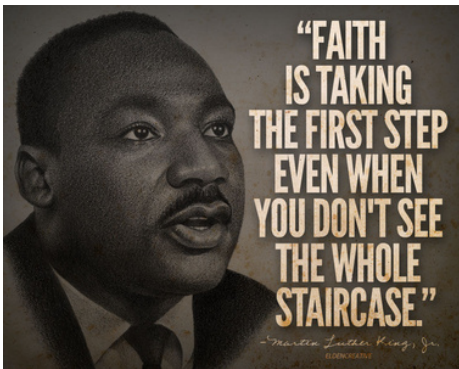
They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you!" In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet: yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes."



Prayer for the week

Dear Lord, I ask that You continue to make Yourself real to me in the ways You choose. Give me eyes to see You, not just in the unusual and amazing ways You make Yourself known, but also in the small and easily overlooked ways. As I see Your presence in my life, strengthen my faith, I pray. Help me to trust You with all that I am.

Amen.



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE BUT BELIEVE!

Years after the resurrection, it's not as if Jesus had left us and is hanging out in heaven not caring. No, the whole point of the cross was to say, God is with us, and never leaves us.

We might not see him in the same way the disciples did in this story but we long to see God's work in the world today.

"Blessed are those who do not see but believe."

Throughout this week ask Jesus to make Himself known in your life. Make an extra effort to look for God in the world around you, in something amazing in nature, in the kind or forgiving word of a friend or stranger, in an unbelievable and inspiring action of others, or in clarity about a difficult situation you are in or decision you have to make.

PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR SANDALS...

After reading this week's Word of the Week take a moment to think about the following questions.



- If you were there as one of Jesus' first disciples, what would your reaction be to seeing Jesus alive and in the flesh?
- What would be the first thing you would say to him?
- Why do you think Jesus said "Peace be with you!"?
- After that encounter with Jesus with would you do afterwards?
- How would you feel?

With everything that is going on at the moment in Palestine and Israel let us take time this week to also pray for peace. Jesus' greeting to his disciples was peace be with you, let us pray that God's peace may be with us and the whole world today and always.



SOMETHING TO WATCH

- Peace be with You- Joel Payne. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- Learn Peace be with you in British Sign Language. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)
- Shalom - Peace. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

