



D.B.R. – EASTER SUNDAY!

April 17, 2022

Luke 24:13-35

Connect

- It's Easter Sunday – the pinnacle celebration in the life of our faith. What history do you hold with Easter? Has it always been part of your life? Would you consider it just another Sunday in your normal routine or is your practice more of a *Chreaster* approach – focusing on Christmas and Easter but limiting participation otherwise? Do you have any Easter traditions or special memories? Simply share of your experience with, and approach to, Easter.

Engage

- Read **Luke 24:13-35**. This Road to Emmaus story is a commonly appreciated and told account though usually doesn't make the Easter Sunday cut because it has less of the shock and awe of what takes place at the tomb itself. How do you feel about this text being the Easter text of focus this year? Why?
- Many of those who encounter the first Easter at the tomb or even the disciples in this Emmaus passage, seem to encounter the resurrection "*amazed – but still not convinced.*" The idea of resurrection is a lot to take in of course. If you're amazed but still not convinced, you're in good Easter company. What is convincing, or not, about the resurrection for you? Why?
- The resurrection isn't possible without being preceded by the death and burial. How might this *death-burial-resurrection* rhythm inform what we're experiencing in our lives today? Discuss.
- Pastor Allen Tate says, "*Some Christians have really big convictions and really anemic compassion.*" Do you agree? Discuss your answer.
- The disciples don't recognize this stranger they've met along the way until he blesses the bread, breaks it and gives it to them. Only then do they say, "*It's Jesus!*" *Bless, break and give* represents another three-fold rhythm worthy of consideration. What might you need to bless and break that you might then give it away to the world in some way?

Next Steps

- Do you feel more connected with *death and burial* than you do *resurrection* these days? Focus on the hope of newness this week and see if that begins to shift your attitude on most everything.

Pray

"We pray and sing and even shout today of resurrection, God! What joy to be known (and shared)! Help us spread a spirit of hope and compassion to celebrate your gift to us and let us live as those who believe the best is yet to come. Amen and Amen!"