

BECOMING A REAL FRIEND OF JESUS

“The Friend Who Showed Up”

Luke 24:27, 36-43

“Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the scriptures.” (Luke 24:27)

When Jesus arose from the dead, three significant things happened in the life of the disciples.

- 1. When Jesus arose from the dead and came back to the disciples, “their misery was eliminated.”**

Mark 16:14 tells us the condition of their hearts had to do with the expression of their fears.

2 Corinthians 15:13-19 - “But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.”

- 2. When Jesus arose from the dead and came back to the disciples, “their minds were enlightened.”**

- Jesus opened their minds concerning prophecy. (v. 44)
- Jesus opened their minds concerning His death and resurrection. (v. 46)

- 3. When Jesus arose from the dead and came back to the disciples, “their mission was established.”**

John 20:4-7 – When Peter entered the tomb of the crucified Christ – he looked over at the slab where they had laid Jesus, and there were the linens He had been wrapped in.