



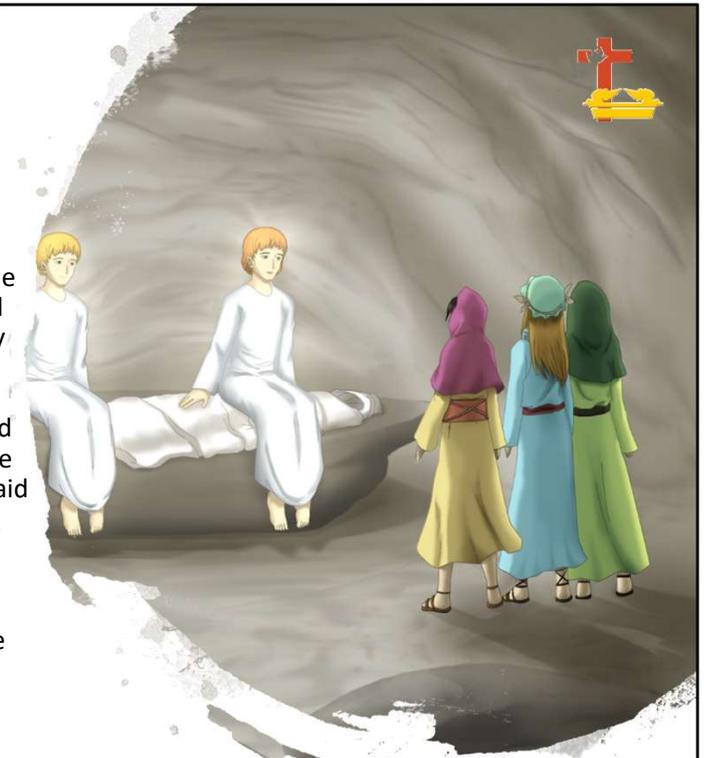
3 days after crucifixion was supposed to be a **happy day** for all the disciples, a **great day** to celebrate, a **big day** to be waiting for. But what happened 2,000 years ago was the opposite! No one was happy, no one was excited, no one was waiting for that day. Why did it happen? There must be something wrong! The Bible told that our journey of faith as a believer also supposed to be a **joyful journey**, a **happy experience** in its every single steps, but sometimes it does not happen like that. So, what is wrong?

As today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave, let's look upon the problem that happened 2,000 years ago, let's reflect it into our life, and then together let's apply the answer so that we can always have a happy day in this perishing world.

Don't Seek the Living Among the Dead

LUKE 24 ¹ Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ² But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵ Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but is risen! **Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,** ⁷ saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

⁸ And they remembered His words.



Illust. *When your favourite dining move to the opposite side of the road, and you forgot their announcement.*

Forget is a complex problem! What we can hear must be already touched our brain, but not everything will stay in the brain.

Did the disciples really forget what Jesus had said before? According to the Gospel of Matthew, at least Jesus had said that sentence for 3 times *Mat.16:21, 17:23, 20:19!*

The statement of Jesus was short enough to remember, the words were easy to understand, but really hard to believe!

And maybe another problem because the disciples were not really paying their attention when Jesus spoke it. Or maybe the shocking crucifixion that happened 3 days ago made everything became blurry!

HEBREW 4 ² For indeed **the gospel** was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.

⁶² On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, **the chief priests** and **Pharisees** gathered together to Pilate,

⁶³ saying, "Sir, **we remember**, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'

⁶⁴ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him *away*, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."

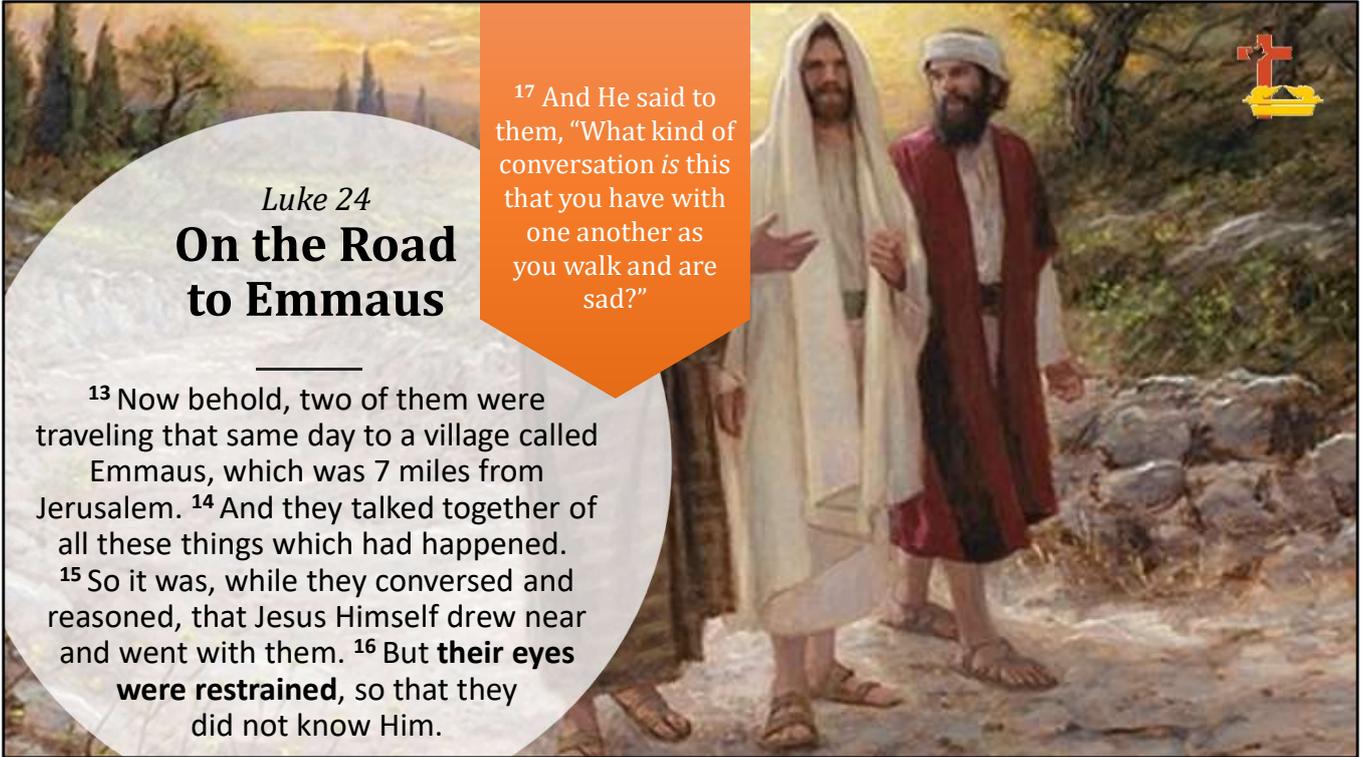


It seemed that the chief priests and the Pharisees put more attention toward every single word that came out from the mouth of Jesus, rather than what the disciples did!

'The enemy' already took a precaution step to anticipate the resurrection of Jesus while the disciples did nothing!

The disciples had the heart to follow Jesus but not the attention. While the high priests had the attention but not with a good heart. So, let's combine them! So that we can have a happy day in the journey of our faith, we must not only have a good heart to keep following Jesus, to faithfully come to church in its services, but also we must have a good attention to follow it, and it called **FAITH!**

Do we really have faith for what Jesus had said for us? **Good faith** will definitely make the Word of God rooted deep down in our heart and in our mind.



Luke 24
**On the Road
to Emmaus**

¹³ Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was 7 miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they talked together of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵ So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But **their eyes were restrained**, so that they did not know Him.

¹⁷ And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

Somehow, the problem was not only in the ears, but also in **the eyes**! The happy day still became miserable day because they were unable to see who was speaking with them.

Jesus saw them so sad and it was the problem! They **stuck** with Jesus that already died 3 days ago. They were not able to move on from that dead things.



Start A Happy Day with **Scriptures**

²⁵ Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”

²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all **the Scriptures** the things concerning Himself.



The happy day must be started with the Scriptures. This is the only resources of true happiness for us!

2Tim.3:16-17 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2Tim.3:16-17 *Segala tulisan yang diilhamkan Allah memang bermanfaat untuk mengajar, untuk menyatakan kesalahan, untuk memperbaiki kelakuan dan untuk mendidik orang dalam kebenaran. Dengan demikian tiap-tiap manusia kepunyaan Allah diperlengkapi untuk setiap perbuatan baik.*

The Power of

The Holy Communion

³⁰ Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were **opened** and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

1: Leadership

Respect the leader

2: Communion

Wait for one another

1Cor.11:33

3: Blessing

Giving thanks

4: Breaking the Bread

Love & compassion

Isa.58:7

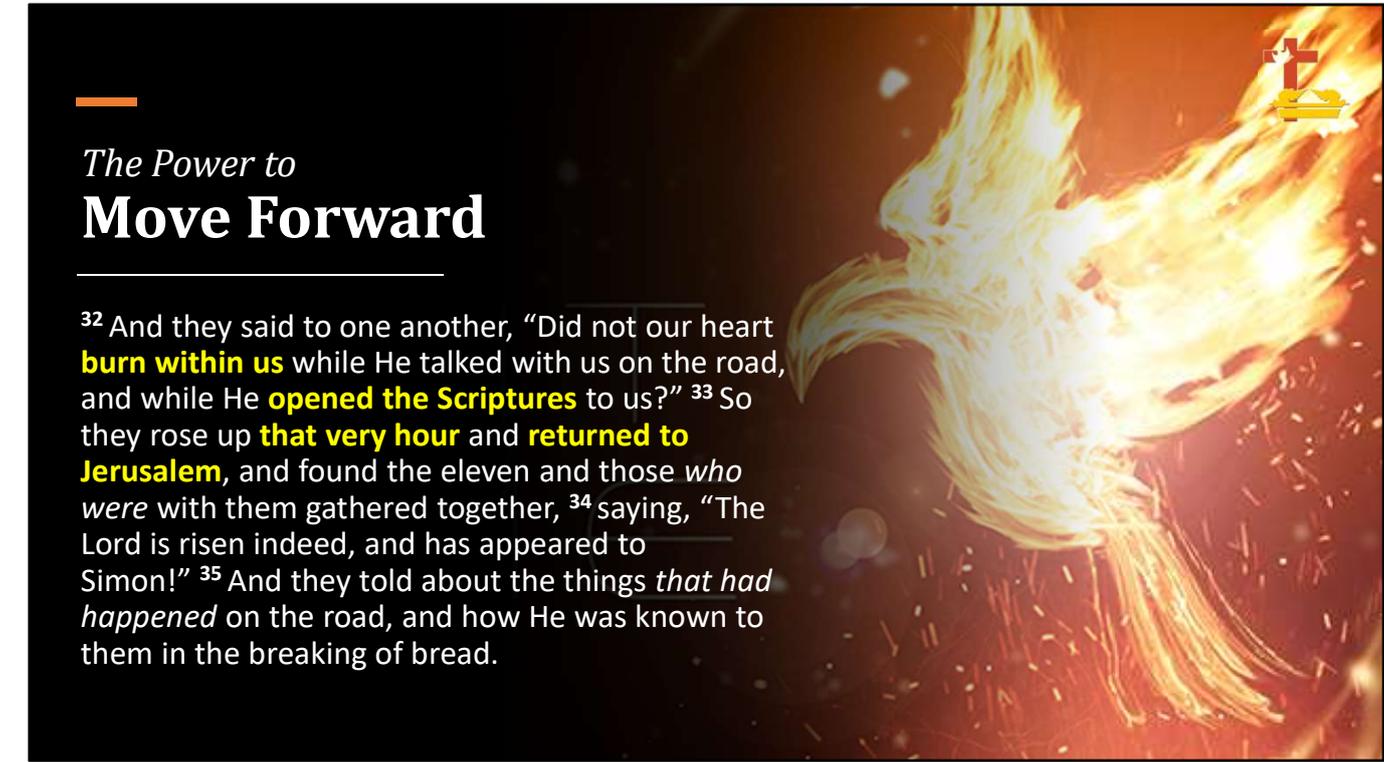


What is the difference between Holy Communion and daily dining routine for Israel?

- 1: Leadership: Jesus always take the bread first to commence it
- 2: Communion: wait for one another *1Cor.11:33*
- 3: Blessing: giving thanks, blessing
- 4: Breaking: love & compassion *Isa.58:7*

Somehow, it was **the Holy Communion** that opened their eyes completely! What is the power of the Holy Communion? Jesus said: whenever you do these, do this **in remembrance of Me**. By doing Holy Communion, we are in a good track to always remember Jesus and then we proclaim His death, His victory, His life, through our life.

The early church then continued the style of Jesus to always broke the bread whenever they came together. Even Paul also did the same thing when he suffered from shipwreck *Ac.27:35*.



The Power to **Move Forward**

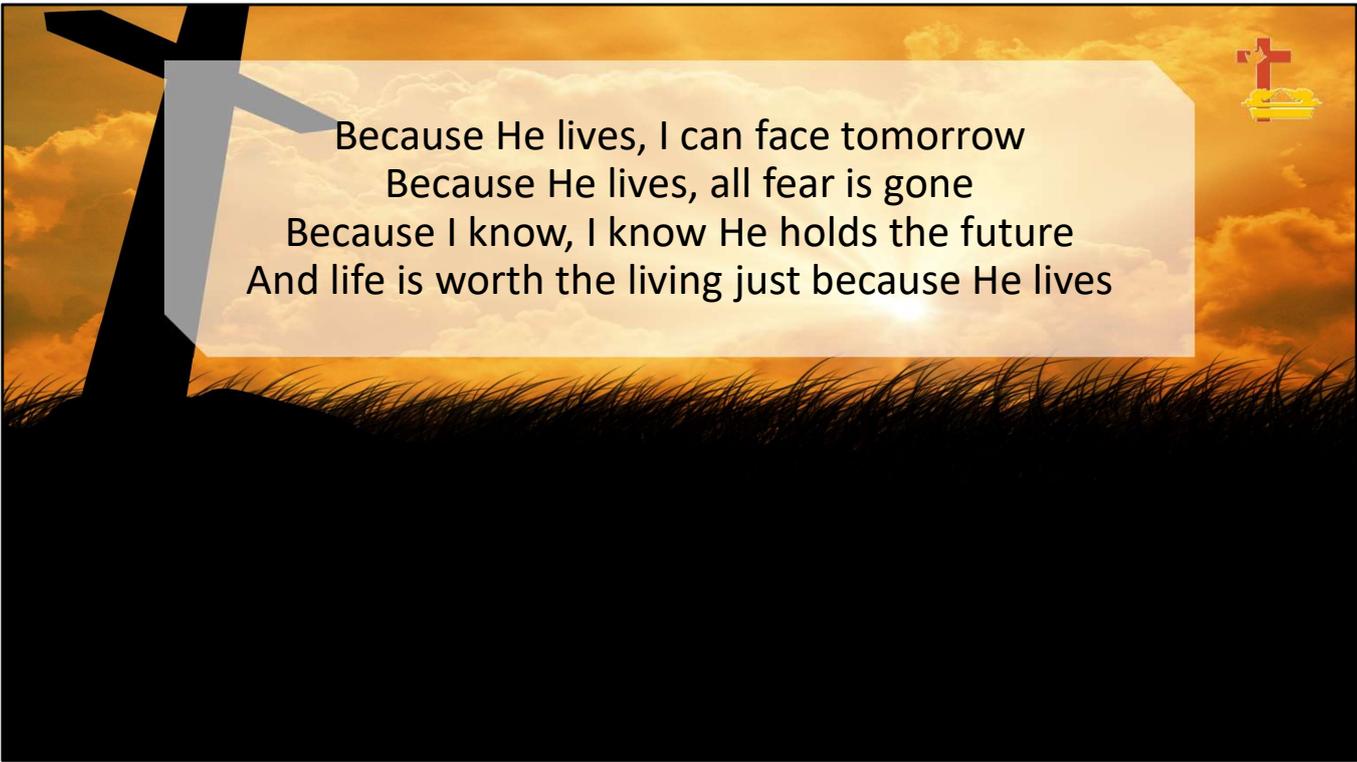
³² And they said to one another, “Did not our heart **burn within us** while He talked with us on the road, and while He **opened the Scriptures** to us?” ³³ So they rose up **that very hour** and **returned to Jerusalem**, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

That was a **good heart burn!** And that was the work of the Holy Spirit. That power enabled them to do **the return trip** straight away!

Holy Spirit will empower us to move forward, so that believers don't stuck with any dead things behind. The Holy Spirit will always work together with the Scriptures and the Holy Communion.

For as often as
you eat this
bread and drink
this cup, you
proclaim the
Lord's death till
He comes.
1Cor.11:26





Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know, I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **“Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

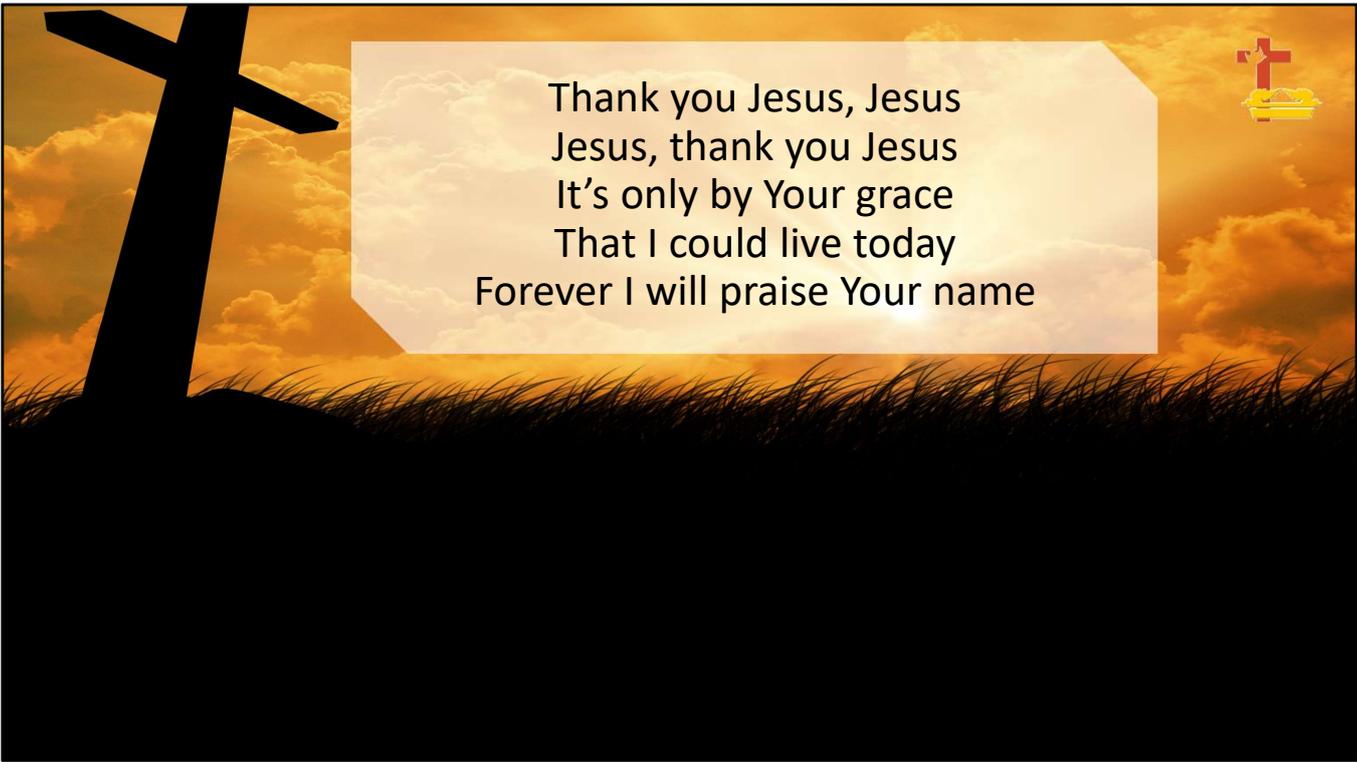
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For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?



Thank you Jesus, Jesus
Jesus, thank you Jesus
It's only by Your grace
That I could live today
Forever I will praise Your name





GOD BLESS YOU!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK WITH JESUS

See You Next Sunday!