

Cleopas Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Why do you suppose Jesus chose this way to reveal Himself to Cleopas and his companion? Luke 24:13-35

Compare this with the other appearances:

What did He choose for Mary Magdalene? John 20:1-2, 11-18

What for Peter and John at the tomb? John 20:3-10

What for the 10 disciples without Thomas? Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-25

What for the 10 with Thomas? John 20:26-29

What are the differences in the response of the one to whom He was revealed?

What difference did it make that Jesus answered all Cleopas and his companion's questions before revealing His identity?

Why might it be important that each group had a slightly different story?

If He had only appeared to all of them in a crowd at one time, might people have more easily called it mass hysteria?

When people who habitually tell the truth tell us something unbelievable, what should be our response?

Have you had one of those "Aha!" moments when you suddenly see something that you should have known all along?

What does it make you think?

Did it teach you to be humble about your own knowledge?