

Reflections on the Easter Day message by Allan Jones, 4th April 2010

“What is Jesus to you?” Luke 24: 13-25

Cleophas and another disciple were joined on a journey by Jesus. He had risen from the dead. But they did not recognise Him at first.

Stranger. Jesus Himself drew near, but He was a stranger to the disciples. Is He a stranger to you? You can know all about Jesus through attending church services and yet He may be a stranger to you. Do you know this Jesus? *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.* (John 17:3, KJV)

Friend. He can be more than a stranger. He can be a friend to you. What a wonderful friend! He listened to the two. He is willing to listen to you, to all your problems. He knows everything about you, but he loves you just the same.

Prophet. They said Jesus was a prophet. Many say He is just another prophet amongst many others.

Redeemer. But He became more than a prophet but a Redeemer (vv. 21, 25). He came to redeem a lost world, for everyone is born in sin (Galatians 3:13, 1 Peter 1:18). Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your sin, and bought you back to know this wonderful Jesus Christ. Job 19:25. Can you say what Job said: I know my Redeemer is alive? Do you know Him in this way?

Teacher. Next, He became their teacher (v. 27). It seemed at first that He needed instruction, but He told them all they needed to know. There has been no greater teacher. He is not only the best teacher, but He used the best text book, the Old Testament scriptures. He would have told them that He had created the world; that He was the prophesied seed of Eve (Genesis 3:15); of the first sacrifice needed for covering Adam and Eve with skins, how Cain's offering was rejected and Abel's sacrifice accepted; how Noah's Ark with its one door and its pitch (=atonement) covering was a picture of Himself, of the high priest Melchizedek, of Abraham who sought a bride for His son, of the Passover Lamb, of the Ark of the Covenant, of the Levitical sacrifices and the scapegoat – for He is our Scapegoat; of the blood of atonement, of the brazen serpent of Numbers, of the promised Prophet of Deuteronomy; of Joshua, whose name is the same of Jesus, leading the people into the Promised Land; of the righteous Judge; of Ruth's Kinsman Redeemer, of the Foundation of the Temple, of building broken down walls of people's lives, of the Shepherd of the Psalms, of the Wisdom of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes; of the Lover of the Song of Solomon; of Isaiah's Suffering Servant; of Jeremiah's Branch of Righteousness; of the fourth man in Daniel's fiery furnace; of Hosea's Faithful Husband to the unfaithful wife; of Amos' Shepherd of His people; of the baptism in the Holy Spirit of Joel, of Jonah's missionary to a foreign land; and his three days and three nights in the belly of the fish, like Jesus' time buried in the earth; of Micah's Ruler who was to come from Bethlehem. Jesus may have gone right through the scriptures showing how every book of scripture testified of Him. He revealed Himself in the scriptures. Is He your teacher?

Lord and Master. When Jesus came to the house He became Lord and Master. He served the bread to them. It was His right to preside over them.

You can know Him. Acknowledge you are a sinner. Invite Him into your heart and He will come in. Then obey Him. Tell Him your needs. Let Him have control over everything in your life. Make Him your Lord and Master.