

Series: Meals with Jesus
Title: Most Important Meal
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1. What's your favorite meal of the day, breakfast?

Read Luke 24:13-32.

2. Why do you think Jesus takes the time to re-explain the Scriptures about himself to his friends, instead of just saying, "Ta da! It's me!?"
3. What are some of the dangers of expecting God to act and respond in a certain way? What occurs when your faith rests on how you think God should respond instead of just God Himself?
4. What verbal clue does Jesus provide that helps his friends recognize him?
5. In your relationship with God, are you aware of clues that he is there with you? What are they?
6. Read John 21:1-17
7. In what ways does Jesus show his humanity to his friends at his beachside breakfast and why is that important?
8. Refer back to Mark 14:27-29, Luke 5:1-10 and John 18:18. How does Jesus go about reinstating Peter? Why does he ask same question three times? How would it empower rather than shame Peter?
9. How is Peter to be a different person having had this breakfast conversation with Jesus? What does he expect from him and other spiritual leaders? See John 10:11 and 1 Peter 5:2.

Bonus thought

Before he returned to heaven, Jesus promised His disciples that He would not leave them alone. There would be was a sense in which He was still present "working with" his followers even though he was absent.

Actually, for a period of forty days Jesus was playing a game of "peek-a-boo" with his disciples. He would appear and then disappear. They would see Him, but then He would be gone. A week later He would be seen again (John 20:19-26). When parents play "peek-a-boo" with a baby, they are teaching the child an important truth. Even though you cannot see Mommy and Daddy, they are still there!

By his occasional appearances, Jesus was skillfully instructing his followers to comprehend his promise, "I am with you always (though you will not see me), even unto the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). The Lord would not leave them, but He would come in the Person of the Holy Spirit to be present with them forever (John 14:16-18).