

“Missing Jesus!”

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Text – Luke 24:13-32

1. We miss him when we are preoccupied with the drama of our world.

“Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?”
(V-13-18)

**“What you look for you will find.”
Rob Bell**

2. We miss him when we reduce him to merely a ...

- Prophet
- Teacher
- Good Man

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.”
(V-19B)

3. We miss him when we have false-expectations

“...but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.” (V-21)

- Heaven on Earth
- Crown before the Cross

4. We miss him when we fail to invite him personally to ‘stay with us’

“As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.”
(V-28-29)

5. We miss him when we decide not to receive from him

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.”
(V-30-31)