

Christmas Sunday
Jesus' Coming Changes Our Point Of View
Luke 24:13-35

We don't always recognise Jesus when he comes

"they were kept from recognizing him."

We often understand Jesus' coming best in retrospect

All of a sudden, everything that was blurry and indistinct, suddenly jumps into focus.

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

When Jesus comes he changes our point of view

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Christianity is not a private religion. It is a public faith, based on public truth; things that God has done and said in the past.

Jesus points the disciples to look out to scripture and back into history, to what God has said and done in the past, to make sense of what is happening in the present.

Jesus still comes to us today

Christ comes to us in scripture. He is both the key that unlocks the meaning of the Bible and the one at the centre of the Biblical story.

Christ comes to us as we remember his death and resurrection in communion.