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Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

TODAY'S THOUGHT: And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known. —C. Austin Miles, from "I Come to the Garden Alone"

The Scripture reading above tells the story of the famous "Emmaus Road" conversation. It's a story that appears only in Luke's gospel. Two people are walking to a nearby village, and they are talking about the weekend events.

Then they are joined by Jesus, who inquires about the topic of their discussion. The two then recapitulate the events of the previous three or four days including the astonishing fact that "some women" had reported that they could "not find his body." They don't recognize Jesus when he then interprets the law and the prophets to these two and how Scripture pointed to these events concerning the Messiah. When they invite this Stranger to have supper, they finally recognize him when Jesus "took bread, blessed and broke it." Luke adds that as a result of this experience they "told what had happened on the road."

The Emmaus Road is one of several "road" stories in the New Testament. The Damascus Road and The Jericho Road come immediately to mind. Today, however, what we can think about is this last verse: "Then they told what had happened on the road."

We love telling others what "happened on the road," on our trips, holidays, vacations. Back in the day, perhaps you did that with the help of a Hawkeye Brownie box camera. Then came Instamatics. You might have shown slides of your family vacation to the neighbors, or set up a screen and run some super-8 movies.

So, what is happening on your "road"? These disciples couldn't wait to tell what happened on the road when they encountered the risen Christ. What is the story of your journey? How has your "road trip" been going? When was the last time you met Jesus on your journey and what was that like? The Emmaus disciples told what happened on the road. It's a story we, too, can tell.

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The Bible Code

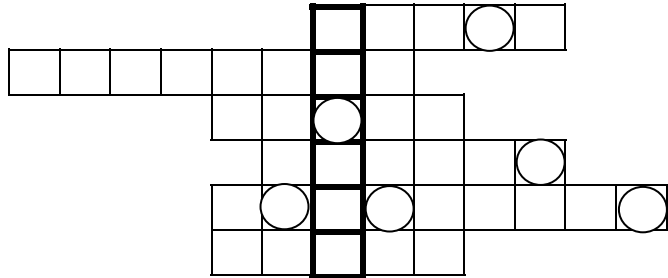
If D=A and E=B, etc., decode this advice from
Joshua 1:8 (NIV):

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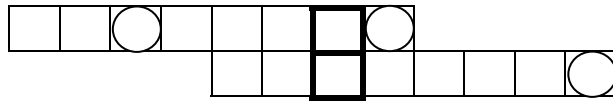
Write the Bible Code answer here: _____

Celebrate the Easter season !

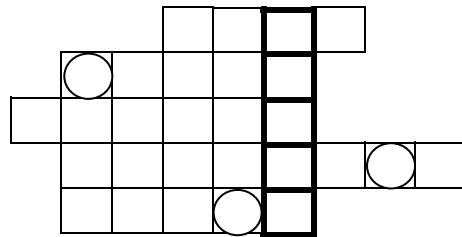
1. What Jesus was wrapped in
2. The site of the crucifixion
3. The king
4. He washed his hands of Jesus
5. Followers of Jesus
6. He denied Christ



7. A large hill
8. The feast celebrating escape from Egypt



9. Mother of Jesus
10. A teacher
11. The doubting disciple
12. Jesus was mistaken for this
13. One of Peter's names



Using the circled letters, unscramble the secret word:



Answers:

1. cloth
2. Golgotha
3. Herod
4. Pilate
5. disciples
6. Peter
7. mountain
8. Passover
9. Mary
10. rabbi
11. Thomas
12. gardener
13. Simon

Secret word:
resurrection