

CHAPTER 27, THE RESURRECTION

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

DAY 1

1. Seventy-five pounds of spices and aloes was an unusually large amount to use to prepare Jesus' body for burial. It was enough to bury a royal king. How do you suppose Nicodemus changed over time in his relationship with Jesus and what might account for that change (p. 381-382)? (See p. 326-327, John 3:1-18.) When in your own life have you experienced the greatest change in your faith and what accounted for it?
2. What were Mary Magdalene, Mary, and Salome going to do that early morning and what does it indicate they expected about the resurrection (p. 382)?

DAY 2

1. As Jesus talked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, they later reported that "our hearts [were] burning within us while He talked to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us" (p. 385, Luke 24:13-35)? Has your heart ever burned with insight into God's word? What did you learn?
2. Jesus in essence explained the Upper Story to the downcast disciples on the road to Emmaus and to the Eleven (p. 384-386). How have you been changed by watching the thread of the Upper Story weave throughout the Old Testament?

DAY 3

1. The night before He was crucified, Jesus taught Peter and the other disciples about abiding in Him (John 15:1-5). How does this teaching relate to the fishermen's miraculous catch and Jesus' call on Peter's life (p. 386-388)? Reflecting on these events, how do you know that you can carry out the mission God has on your life?
2. What does Jesus' Great Commission on the mountain in Galilee require of all His disciples (p. 388)? What are the various ways you can obey this command?