**Looking For Jesus?**

**After all the promises that Jesus made regarding His resurrection there were no disciples at the tomb on the third day.  Did they not believe or were they not looking for him**

**Acts 9**

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.  ***(As we have journeyed this world most of us have persecuted Jesus. Jesus picks the right time and place in our life and the light in our soul comes on and Jesus speaks.  It knocks us off our feet.  Who are you?  I am the one that your life denies.  We have been spiritually blind but now we become physically blind and we just don’t see him because we are not looking for him.)***

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.  ***(There are some that know the voice and are listening for Jesus.  When he speaks they answer.  Do you know the voice and are you listening?***

**John 20**

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him. 14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.  ***(Mary Magdalene didn’t know him.  She went to the tomb looking for Jesus the man.  Jesus spoke and she saw the risen King.  We miss the eternal because we are captured in looking for the temporal)***

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.  19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.  ***(The Disciples didn’t know him.  Even though Mary told them, they were not looking for him because they were occupied by fear.  Jesus speaks, they see the nail prints and pierced side then they believe.  Do we always have to see the substance of victory before seeing the evidence of his glory?)***

 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.  ***(There is always a hard head.  Seeing is believing, you know the kind.  Thomas believed what he saw.  Have you seen Jesus?  No.  You believe in Jesus?  Yes.   You are blessed because you see what you have believed.)***

**John 21**

1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. ***(You would think that the third time would be a charm.  The Disciples still didn’t know Jesus.  They were not looking for him.  They were gone fishing.   How many times do we miss seeing him because we are fishing for the wrong things?  Once we see him we too will be gone fishing for men.)***

**Luke 24**

 13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?  ***(Peter and Cleopas walked with him and didn’t know him.  They talked with him and didn’t know him.  They broke the bread of life with him and didn’t know him.  By the time they saw him he was gone.  Too many people are walking and talking with Jesus and feasting on the Word of God and yet they still don’t see him or know him.   Don’t just catch a glimpse of Jesus.)***

**Acts 1**

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men ofGalilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.  ***(Jesus is coming again.  Are you looking for him?  Will you see him?)***

**Where is Jesus?**

**He is here.**

**He will only appear the next time to those who are looking for Him.**