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How do you feel when a stranger comes up and starts walking alongside you? Why don’t you recognise him or recognise his voice?

Are there times when Jesus is especially close to you but you do not recognise him? Do you recognise his voice when he prompts you? If not why not?

What do we learn about the state of mind of these two disciples by the words; ‘We had hoped..’ v21?

What was the significance of Jesus acting as if he were going further as they approached the village? How does that speak to us of the need for invitation?

What was significant about the moment of recognition?

Why did the two disciples take such a risk to return to Jerusalem in the dark irrespective of the dangers of travelling by night? What risks might we take to tell others about Jesus?

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