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Were not our hearts burning within us!

(Luke 24:32)

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Keep Jesus on board

Dear friends of go4peace,

The past few days had been dramatic. Like many other young people in the group of the disciples around Jesus, he had put his faith into him. He had dropped other plans and had followed Jesus. His words had opened up new horizons for his life. The people responsible for religious matters did not like Jesus' attitude. He had told them that their religious system had become rather hollow. They did everything to get rid of him and kill him. Jesus died on the cross, like a criminal.

These pictures in his mind would not leave him. He had to talk. Together with his friend Cleopas he set off for a little village called Emmaus, not far from Jerusalem. He got everything of his chest. They were joined by another person. The stranger asked them what they had been talking about and about the events in Jerusalem. In their despair the questions of this stranger upset them even more. Why had the stranger not heard of any of the events of the past few days? They started to talk about their hopes and dreams, their anger and disappointment. The stranger listened intently. Then he began to put the events of the past few days in order and made sense of them. They felt understood and began to see what had happened in a new light. A burning joy came over them. They arrived in Emmaus and asked the stranger to stay with them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. It was Jesus. It was him that had walked with them – present as the resurrected one. Then they could no longer see him. They ran back to Jerusalem immediately – with a burning heart. They had to share this message.

We had to finish a translation. We had been working on this the whole day but had at least two hours ahead of us! People were starting to get fed up. Everyone could sense that the ease with which we had worked all day was no longer there. We made another coffee and promised ourselves to keep the love in our togetherness. Then we continued and it went very well. The hidden Jesus gave us strength, joy, and patience. It pays of to be with him: **Keep Jesus on board.**

for the go4peaceTeam

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