



As an alternative to these study notes, you may like to use the booklet 'Living faith-fully in everyday life' week 2

Two tremendous and inspirational passages to read, of which so much has been written and preached; but we are to focus today upon one aspect - living everyday faith.

**Read John 2: 1-11**

Although Mary knew that her son Jesus would be 'great.... the Son of the Most High' (see Luke 1: 26-38) here is the first record of her putting her faith in what the angel had told her. There are similarities, for many of us, on our journey of faith; we receive teaching, read the Bible, gain the 'head knowledge', but this

remains 'head knowledge' until we take that first step of faith. Can you remember this? How did life change from then on? Mary's life was never the same again as Jesus begins his ministry and she follows and supports. Everything is different, everything is somehow new and better, just as the water became 'vintage' wine for the wedding guests. Mary's journey was far from easy, more downs than ups probably, but she was walking with 'the Son of the Most High'. Can we identify with this? So it is for us; commitment to walk with Jesus brings 'life in all its fullness' now and into eternity.

**Read Luke 24: 13-35**

Gosh, how brave was it for Cleopas and companion (very likely this is Clopas and wife Mary - see John 19: 25) to admit to a 'stranger' that they were followers of Jesus, given what had happened to him, but what a reward they received! Like these two, when we journey with Jesus we experience transformation. They were dejected, doubting Jesus' words and all they had committed to these past months; but the walk with Jesus is transformational, and so it can be for us. Spend a few minutes thinking what life without Jesus would be like. What would be missing? Dejection and doubt became clarity and joy, so much so that they immediately turn around departing Emmaus and walking through the night (possibly often running!) they return to Jerusalem and to the disciples. 'He is risen, He explained everything, it's all true' they probably said. We too have reason to celebrate with them. For us, is transformation a one-off event or an ongoing process?