

practical conclusion they could arrive at was: "We had hoped . . . And so we forsook all we had. But it was a mistaken calculation. It remains for us to return home and resume our old ways!"

How often do we behave like the disciples of Our Blessed Lord! We are so wedded to our ideas, our wishes and our grand plans that we can think of nothing else. We contemplate no alternatives. For this reason we fail to understand Christ when He does not fulfill our best wishes and requests. Sometimes we become angry at Christ when we see that His thoughts and ways do not coincide with ours. And, at times, have we not actually tried to force Him to conform His ways and thoughts to ours??

We had hoped! We had hoped and we prayed! We had aspired to mighty achievements. We had looked to high renown in the wonderful service of our Lord, and beloved Redeemer. But those hopes and dreams came to nothing. And we struggled with hopes and dreams concerning our families, our children and our loved ones. We have prayed for the conversion of our fallen away children. How long have we prayed for our drunken husbands. Our wives, overtaken by death, and little children yet to be reared. How long have we prayed for employment that would provide no more than the necessary things of life; employment that would permit us to put clothes on our little children so that they would not have to be embarrassed when playing with other children? But all these hopes and dreams came to nothing. Our sincerest prayers, all seem to come to nothing. Where is the Lord? We know He is good. We know that He loves us. But where is He?

Dispirited and disillusioned, weak and wearied by the rough road to Emmaus, we finally get there.

And there, in all of His goodness - - - !! HE CAME TO MEET US!!

He was walking with us the whole time, and we didn't know it!!



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