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Yesterday, I preached a message on Jesus revealing himself to two men he met on the road between Jerusalem and Emmaus. After the sermon, someone asked question that stuck with me. "If Jesus could explain all the references to the Messiah in the First Testament to the two men, why don't all people of the faith tradition founded in those scriptures believe in Jesus?" First off, let me just say that I LOVE questions like this. I believe God and God's purposes become clearer if we can admit we don't have all the answers and give ourselves permission to question. Second off (as my daughter would say), it's important to note that the men *didn't* recognize Jesus based on the teaching he gave them on the road. They just saw a traveling man like themselves. It took more than his scripture interpretation before they could see and believe. It wasn't until Jesus blessed the bread at their table, broke it, and gave it to them, that their eyes were opened. Jesus, giving of himself, was the thing that brought them understanding. We are called to be Christ's body in the world today; always remember our actions speak louder than words.