ple that way during this scholar J. B. Phillips. holy season.

of our readers a blessed and happy Easter too.

It is a greeting that was born destroy. th the joy of the first Easter day, close to 2000 years ago.

And the first to know that and the little village of Em- two or three?"

maus. It is a story that is not well enough known and yet it tells of the first two people who knew for sure that the Saviour had indeed risen from the dead. The apostles, the holy women and other disciples had, it is true, been to the tomb carly Easter morning and found it empth but they had to wait for the experience the two disciples first had on the Emmaus road.

St. Luke narrates the episode in the 24th chapter of his Gos-

The two disciples, he says, were walking toward Emmaus, a village about seven miles from Jerusalem.

As they went they were in deep conversation about everything that had happened. While they were absorbed in their serious talk and discussion, Jesus himself approached and walked along with them, but something prevented them from recognizing him. Then he spoke

"What is all this discussion that you are having on your

They stopped, their faces drawn with misery, and the one called Cleopas replied.

"You must be the only stranger in Jerusalem who hasn't heard all the things that have happened there recently!'

"What things?" asked Jesus.

"Oh, all about Jesus, from Nazareth. There was a man a prophet strong in what he did and what he said, in God's eves as well as the people's. Haven't you heard how our chief priests and rulers handed him over for execution, and had him crucified? But we were hoping he was the one who was to come and set Israel free . . .

"Yes, and as if that were not enough, it's getting on for three days since all this happened; some of our womenfolk have disturbed us profoundly. For they went to the tomb at dawn, and then when they couldn't find his body they said that they had had a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of our people went straight off to the tomb and found things just as the women had described them - but they didn't see him!"

Then he himself spoke to

."Aren't you failing to understand, and slow to believe in all that the prophets have said? Was it not inevitable that Christ should suffer like that and so find his glory?"

Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them everything in the scriptures that referred to him-

They were now approaching the village to which they were going. He gave the impression that he meant to go on further but they stopped him with the

"Do stay with us. It is near-ly evening and soon the day will be over."

So he went indoors to stay with them. Then it happened! While he was sitting at table with them he took the loaf, gave thanks, broke it and passed it to them. Their eyes opened wide and they knew him! But he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each

"Weren't our hearts glowing while he was with us on the road, and when he made the scriptures so plain to us?"



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We sincerely wish each year, the story of God's great ing. and His Work. love for us, a love which St. Luke is the same author brought him to earth and to death for our redemption, a who tells so vividly the story of love which even death could not the Saviour's birth with the vision of angels over the fields

at Bethlehem. Cynics may pose such questions as, "If the Roman soldiers At both the beginning and had posted a road-block be- the end of his Gospel, he brings tween Jerusalem and Emmaus, us face to face with the basic joy were two of the Lord's dis- how many men would they have question of Christianity — is ciples who were trudging along chalked down when they re- it something anybody can see a dusty road between Jerusalem ported passage of this group — quite in the same way as any body can see any ordinary ob-

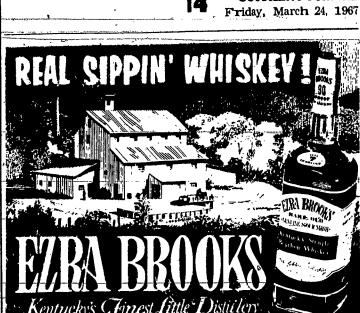
people just don't see — and that's why Easter can be a feast of joy and hope for us also be-cause, as the Lord told Thomas the apostle, "Happy are those who have never seen me and yet have believed!"

Our faith, then, determines our happiness. May both be deep and true!

-Father Henry A. Atwell

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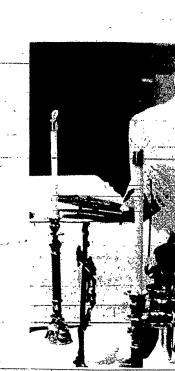
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