

flesh ; it is in the Scriptures that the things concerning Him are to be learned ; and "*the word is nigh thee*, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart." See Rom. x.

We who know the truth can have the same communion with the Father and the Son as they who saw with their eyes and handled with their hands what they have declared unto us of the word of life. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the word of life ; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us ;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us ; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." 1 John i.

After Christ had reproved and corrected and instructed those two disciples, He then tested their affection for Him and their desire to have Him with them ; for when they drew nigh unto the village whither they went, He made as though He would have gone further. And as the faithful of old, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, might have had opportunity to have returned ; so those two disciples, if they had been mindful of their own sad state as they reasoned together, had now an opportunity to go back to it again, for Jesus made as though He