

After Emmaus

Luke 24:35-48

April 15, 2108

What happened after Emmaus is all about what it means to be a Christian disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ. The two disciples who encounter Jesus on the road to Emmaus are escaping the reality of Jerusalem. They have witnessed Jesus' suffering and death. They have heard the reports of his resurrection. But these two are retreating. They can't believe any of what has been reported. They are getting out of "Dodge" fast. Their encounter with Jesus and their recognition of him in the breaking of the bread is where the story picks up this week. After Emmaus, it is all about telling the story and proclaiming the truth. It is our story and our truth to proclaim as well.

"The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." So here are these two disciples, gathered with the other eleven, when Jesus comes to stand within the community. This small gathering of the early Church does not know what to think or believe. **"They are startled and terrified."** He shows them his hands and feet and says... **"it is I myself."**


So on this third week of Easter, we are also asked to recognize Jesus in the midst of the gathered community, to know him in the breaking of the bread at Eucharist and to understand that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise to all of humanity.

The truth of this gospel message is that after Emmaus, we (all baptized Christians) are called to proclaim the truth about Jesus. If you are like me, there are days that you retreat from the truth. We fail in some way to live up to what Jesus is asking of us.

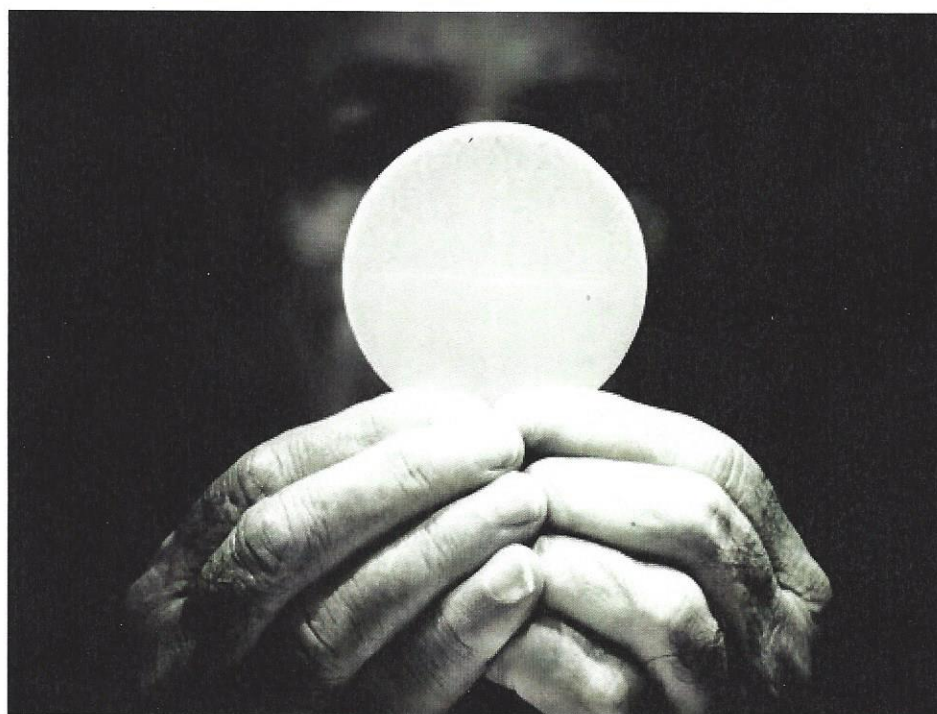
As Christians, we have a God, a Savior that is always fully and really present to us. We believe that Jesus is really present in the Word, the gathered community, the sacramental sign of our priest and in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. We believe that as a follower of Christ that suffering, disappointment, and death are part of our reality. There is no magic in our faith. There is only truth. And the truth is that we also have the gift of eternal life with Christ. We are called to proclaim this truth in our sacrificial way of living for others. We are called to proclaim what we believe with how we live.

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Happy Easter!


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Happy Easter Christ has Risen, Alleluia!



Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn

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**Gospel of Luke
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