

## **Gospel of Luke - Post #04**

*Third Sunday of Easter – 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2020*

*A reading from the Gospel of Luke*

### **They recognised him at the breaking of bread**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking about all that had happened to Jesus. While they were walking, Jesus himself came along and walked with them, but the two disciples didn't recognise him. Jesus asked them, "What things are you talking as you walk along?" They stopped short, their faces downcast.

One of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.

Jesus asked, "What things?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth was a great prophet who did and said many powerful things in front of all the people. We were hoping that he was the One who would save us, but our chief priests and our leaders put him to death. They crucified him three days ago. And early this morning, some of the women from our group went to the tomb, but they couldn't find his body. They ran back saying some angels told them Jesus is alive. Then some of the men went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said. And they didn't see Jesus either."

Jesus said, "You are so foolish! Why don't you believe what the prophets said? They told you that the Christ would have to suffer and die before coming into glory."

Then Jesus explained everything that Moses and the prophets had said about Jesus.

When they got close to Emmaus, the two disciples said to Jesus, "It's almost evening. Stay with us."

So Jesus stayed with them. And while they were at the table, Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then they understood, and they recognised him. But Jesus disappeared from their sight.

The two disciples said to each other, "Remember how excited we were when he talked to us on the road, explaining the scriptures!"

Then the two ran to Jerusalem to tell the others everything Jesus had told them, and how they recognised him in the breaking of the bread.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## **Gospel Reflection - Post #04**

### **Two disciples recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread**

I will sign our chaplain, Fr. Wayne Edwards' reflection for this Sunday's Gospel of Luke about two disciples meeting Jesus on the way to Emmaus:

All through life's day, you walk with us, Lord. But often we don't recognise you, for we are blinded by work and worry, doubt, confusion and fear, and so you remain a stranger to us. Before the day's end we will ask many questions, experience many sorrows and disappointments.

And then, suddenly, whether we are young, middle-aged, or old, we will find that night is approaching. In that moment we pray, that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our eyes will be opened, and that we will recognise you. And you will not vanish from our sight, but stay with us to guide us to the Father's house.

God bless you from Fr. Wayne.