

## **Easter Wednesday**

First Reading: Acts 3: 1-10;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 105: 1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Gospel Reading: Lk 24: 13-35.

**Theme:** Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of Bread

I personally find this Gospel reading as the most captivating post-resurrection stories in the New Testament. The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus provokes mixed feelings. The experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus is representative of our Christian experiences. This gospel story has all the elements of the Christian life. The two disciples were going away from where Christ was to be found. Many Christians do that all the time.

This Gospel reading tells us that we meet Jesus Christ in the unexpected place/person/situation. We meet the Risen Christ often and we do not recognize Him, or worse maltreat Him. The importance of hospitality to strangers cannot be over emphasized. "I was hungry... and you did/did not feed..." (Mt 25). Jesus Christ is especially present and to be found and loved in the very least of my brothers and sisters. The story admonishes us to find the real meaning, identity of Jesus, and His mission in having the Scriptures explained. Without the Scriptures we cannot claim to know Jesus Christ. Yet how many Catholics go through life hardly ever opening the Bible? St. Jerome said ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. Jesus Christ is recognized in the breaking of bread, in our celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is real comm-union with all present with Christ. The fact that the two disciples went back to Jerusalem and recounted their experience reminds us that our experiences of the Scriptures and liturgy should draw us to participate in the work of proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ and sharing our experiences with others.

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