

Dear Padre,

Why couldn't the disciples recognize Jesus after the resurrection? Do you think we would recognize Jesus if he came back today?

Before the resurrection, Jesus likely would have suffered the ravages of illness and lack of proper nutrition that all the people of his time were subject to. After the resurrection, Jesus showed he was exalted with the very power of God. Even his physical appearance had changed.



In the poor, Jesus is with us. Here, volunteers work at a food pantry in Nashville.

In view of his glorified appearance, the disciples were able to recognize Jesus with the aid of his marks of the passion (John 20:20). No one would go to the extreme of putting nails through his own hands and feet and thrust a spear into his side to pretend he was Jesus! He bore those marks, so he *had* to be the Lord.

Another purpose of showing his disciples his glorified body was to assure them we would undergo a similar glorification. In the resurrection we shall be completely changed and perfected in our humanity (1 Corinthians 15:52).

We are sometimes slow to recognize our Lord in the ways he indicated he would be with us today:

in the Eucharist (John 6:53); in the poor (Matthew 25:40); in his body, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12). Coming to recognize him among us in these ways today will ensure we are more like him in our resurrection.

—Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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WISDOM FROM Pope Francis

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead."

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 24, 2017

Calendar

Monday
APRIL 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8–15
Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday
APRIL 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51–8:1a
Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday
APRIL 29
St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 8:1b–8
Jn 6:35–40

Thursday
APRIL 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26–40
Jn 6:44–51

Friday
MAY 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1–20
Jn 6:52–59

Saturday
MAY 2
St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 9:31–42
Jn 6:60–69

Sunday
MAY 3
Fourth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36–41
1 Pt 2:20b–25
Jn 10:1–10



April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22–33

1 Pt 1:17–21

Lk 24:13–35

I'll Walk You Home

It was a very simple encounter. Two people, probably husband and wife, on their way home from Jerusalem to a neighboring village, are joined by a lone traveler walking on the same path. The couple was downcast for some reason, and the lone traveler showed interest and concern. It was nothing out of the ordinary, just simple human interest. However, it's often just such an unexpected situation that becomes a profound event of God.

Jesus was talking beside them, explaining their sacred writings, and they did not recognize him. What would it take for them to realize the identity of their companion? As he appeared to continue his journey, they offered him hospitality: "Stay with us" (Luke 24:29). Though they didn't understand who he was or everything he had said to them, their hearts were open to him and so he stayed. "At table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). That did it! Now they knew. "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

This is another moving story about the past and the present. How often we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst. He is with us in the very ordinary events of life, like walking home or preparing a meal. He is there even in our misunderstandings and disappointments. When we realize this, our hearts burn within us. We begin to see that the entire world is a place of encounter. Every human action holds the possibility of revelation.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Reflection

- Where in your life do you meet Jesus?
- Where do you bring Jesus to others?



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35

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***SUNDAY, April 26, 2020 ***

Even though all public celebrations of the Holy Mass are cancelled until further notice, daily Masses are still offered by Fr. Peter. When you watch the livestreamed Mass, please remember to pray for the following Intentions. Let's joyfully celebrate the most important mystery of our faith: the Suffering, Death, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. ALLELUIA—HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA

Sunday, April 26 Thomas Kenedy Edwards, Pedro H. Asebedo

Monday, April 27 Bill Rice

Tuesday, April 28 Wayne Miller

Wednesday, April 29 Pete Ramos

Thursday, April 30 Mary Perez

Friday, May 01 Wayne Miller

Saturday, May 02 Pete Ramos, For The People

Sunday, May 03 St. Raphael's Women & Men

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm; and again on Sunday morning from 8:00 am to 8:45 am; or call for an appointment.

RUMMAGE SALE: We will be having it again this summer (not date has been set), but if you have items you would like to donate we will gladly accept them anytime. You may call any of the following people to bring items to the hall. Tressa Powers 355-6206; Jana Jenkinson 290-5201; Carolyn Robertson 290-5569; Jane Sullivan 355-7341, or Gwen Waechter 355-7203.

COLLECTION for April 19: Envelopes: \$2454.18; Online Giving: \$187.82; Total \$2,642.18; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,989.55. Income over/under (652.63) Maintenance Fund: \$60

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VOCATION VIEW: Do you recognize Jesus in your midst? Is your heart burning within you? Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a priest, brother. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP VIEW: The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

WORD OF LIFE: "From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"

SITTING WITH JESUS IN PRAYER: SCHOLARSHIP: Choose a Time and a Place. Make it a specific time dedicated only to prayer—a time when you are alert and clear. (Psalm 92:1-2) Make sure it's a place where you are free from distraction and interruption. (Matthew 6:6)

Lay Aside All Other Concerns. Examine your conscience and repent of your sins. (Psalm 130) Let God's mercy cleanse your conscience. (Romans 8:32) Put aside anxieties, problems, and struggles. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Open Your Heart to the Gospel. Consciously say "Yes" to these truths each day: • God created me out of love and loves me always. (1 John 4:10) • God sent Jesus to give us life. (John 3:16) • By his death and resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death. (John 5:24) • Jesus promised to be with us and to send the Holy Spirit. (John 14:15-16,23) • Jesus intercedes for us in heaven. (Hebrews 7:25) • Jesus is coming again. ? (Matthew 16:27)

Praise God. Express your love and gratitude to your heavenly Father, to his Son Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit. (Psalms 95; 136; Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:9) Worship God honestly and from your heart. (Matthew 6:7-8)

Dwell in the Presence of God. Listen actively to God in your heart as you read scripture. (Isaiah 66:2) Sit quietly in God's presence and let his love touch your heart. (Psalm 131)

Intercede with Faith and Trust. Pray for the world, for the church, for your family, your friends, and yourself. (Matthew 7:7-11)

Write in Your Journal. What has God said to you? What do you want to carry into the day to keep your mind fixed on Jesus? What petitions will you keep close to your heart?

SUNDAY MEDITATION *Hear these words! (Acts 2:14)* Have you ever heard the word *kerygma*? It's a Greek word that means "the proclamation." The Church uses this word to describe the core message that Peter and the apostles preached after Jesus' resurrection. Today's first reading—from Peter's Pentecost sermon—is one clear example of the Church's *kerygma*, the key events that are at the heart of our faith:

- Jesus worked "mighty deeds, wonders, and signs" while he was on the earth (Acts 2:22). The Gospels are filled with stories of Jesus healing people, raising the dead, calming storms, casting out demons. All these miracles showed that Jesus was no ordinary man.
- Jesus was "delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). Jesus' death was not just a travesty of justice or an accident of fate. No, it was part of God's plan. Jesus went to his death willingly, an innocent victim of the sin that was in the world, so that he could deliver us from that sin.
- "God raised him up" (Acts 2:24). Jesus is now risen from the dead. He broke the chains of death and revealed the promise of resurrection—both for himself and for everyone who comes to him.
- Having ascended to heaven, Jesus has poured out "the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33). Because of that Spirit, every one of us can experience God's life and love active within them. We can know forgiveness of our every sin, we can be filled with the hope of eternal life, and we can receive the power to live a new life here and now.

This *kerygma* is not just a set of truths to be believed. It's the story of our redemption. It's a series of promises that we can *experience*: Physical and spiritual healing. Forgiveness. Eternal life. The Holy Spirit. This is your heritage. This is everything Jesus died to secure for you. This is how much he loves you and treasures you. "*Jesus, I am astounded at your love and generosity—toward me!*" (*WordAmongUs*)