

# LIVING FAITH

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26



### THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

#### Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### PONDER AND DISCUSS

- Why do you think the disciples were so slow to recognize the Risen Jesus?
- Would you recognize Jesus if you met Him on the street today?
- How does Jesus show Himself in our lives today?

# On the Road to Emmaus



Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.  
Luke 24:31a (NIV)

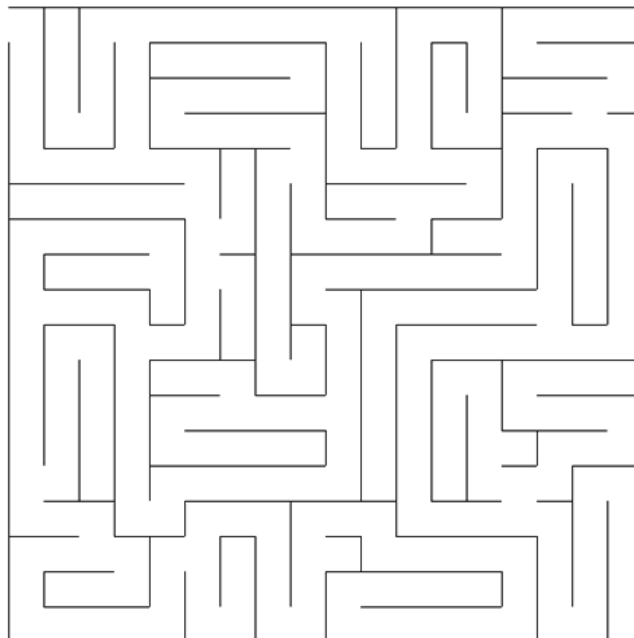
Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- \_\_\_ 1. A period of twenty four hours  
A. month B. week C. year D. day
- \_\_\_ 2. Carrying on a conversation with someone  
A. talking B. walking C. open D. day
- \_\_\_ 3. A person who visits  
A. visitor B. prophet C. priest D. Moses
- \_\_\_ 4. To travel on foot  
A. visit B. walk C. talking D. open
- \_\_\_ 5. To put to death on a cross  
A. bury B. hang C. crucify D. day
- \_\_\_ 6. The Old Testament man who received the Ten Commandments from God  
A. Noah B. David C. Moses D. Jacob
- \_\_\_ 7. The organs which make people able to see  
A. ear B. heart C. mouth D. eyes
- \_\_\_ 8. Not closed  
A. bread B. open C. day D. walking
- \_\_\_ 9. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked  
A. fruit B. bread C. meat D. jello
- \_\_\_ 10. Not false  
A. travel B. true C. hear D. spoken

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## Road to Emmaus (Maze)



Emmaus

## THE CHURCH TEACHES

Jesus always fed his followers. Remember the story of the feeding of the 5000, sometimes called “the multiplication of the loaves and fishes”?

After His Resurrection, as before, Jesus continued to share meals with his followers, and to feed them.

How does Jesus feed us today?

Jesus feeds us by giving us people who love us, support us, challenge us and call us to be disciples. *How does Jesus feed you through others?*



Jesus feeds us through His Word, which we hear proclaimed every Sunday at Mass. *What Scripture passages give you hope or consolation, or challenge you?*



Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, in His Body and Blood. He is truly present in the Eucharist.



Jesus feeds us by giving us the gifts of nature, to feed our bodies and nourish our souls.



Jesus calls us to feed one another, to be His hands and feet in the world today. *How are you food for others?*

*How does Jesus feed you?*

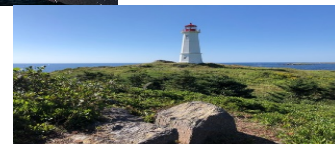
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# THE JOURNEY TO EMMAUS OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS



## 1. JESUS SEEKS US

In the Gospel story of the journey to Emmaus, the two travellers didn't invite Jesus to join them; He just appeared and walked with them.



## 2. JESUS WALKS WITH US

Just as Jesus walked along with the travellers in the Emmaus story, Jesus walks alongside us, too. Often, He is unseen, or unrecognized, but He is surely there.

## 3. JESUS OPENS OUR EYES

Sometimes, we are given a moment of insight. It's as if our eyes are opened, and we just know that Jesus has been with us all along. These moments can be fleeting, and we just get glimpses, but they are enough to sustain us.



## 4. JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF

Once we recognize Jesus, and know that He is with us, we are never the same. We may not always feel His presence, but we know that He is with us on our journey.

**5. JESUS SENDS US OUT AS MISSIONARIES** The travellers did not stay in Emmaus, but went right back to Jerusalem to tell the others the Good News. They had moved from being disciples to being missionaries. Once we really know Jesus, we can't do anything else but proclaim His Good News through our actions and our words.



*Prayer of Pope Francis to Mary for Help and Protection During the Covid-19 Pandemic. Watch [here](#).*

*O Mary,  
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection,  
we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every  
danger, O glorious and  
Blessed Virgin. AMEN.*