
ENCOUNTERING CHRIST ON OUR ROAD TO EMMAUS

Lk 4:13-35



Last Sunday we heard what has to be my favorite Gospel story.

We found ourselves three days after the crucifixion, walking along a road with Cleopas and another disciple. They were astounded to find a “stranger” who did not know what had happened in Jerusalem just three days prior.

Ultimately, the men realize they were walking with the Messiah and their hearts burned for him! But it wasn’t until they broke bread with the “stranger.”

Struggling to “find” Jesus

How often do we find Jesus during our daily lives? It's very likely we miss a great many of our encounters because "our eyes were not open." To be certain, we can “see” Jesus in the preciousness of a baby’s laugh, in the love we have for others, or the beauty of a sunset. But how about the times when it feels as though Jesus’ presence is less obvious?

Have you been able to see Jesus in this pandemic? In the isolation from your friends and way of life? Are you able to see Jesus when you are lonely, scared, or sick? It is precisely at these times when we feel we cannot see Christ that we need to lean further into our faith and understanding of how the Lord wants to be seen, tasted, and ingested: in His Real Presence in the Eucharist. What a blessing it is to KNOW Jesus is there every time the Eucharist is offered!

Let us pray

Lord Jesus, I am grateful that I am able to recognize You "in the breaking of the bread." Help me to further open my eyes to You when I'm not always looking. I miss your Real Presence in the Eucharist and I look forward to the time when I can join my spiritual family at the table of the Lord. Until then my heart burns for you! Amen
