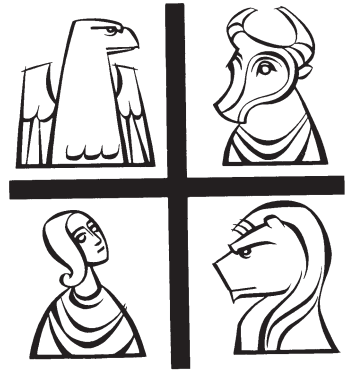


# Reading Luke in Easter

## Gospel of Luke 24:13 - 27



### On the Road to Emmaus I

13 That very day two of them were going to a village  
named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,  
14 and they were talking with each other  
about all these things that had happened.  
15 While they were talking and discussing together,  
Jesus himself drew near and went with them.  
16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.  
17 And he said to them,  
'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?'  
And they stood still, looking sad.  
18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him,  
'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things  
that have happened there in these days?'  
19 And he said to them, 'What things?'  
And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth,  
a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,  
20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death,  
and crucified him.  
21 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 happened.  
22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us.  
They were at the tomb early in the morning,  
23 and when they did not find his body,  
they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.  
24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said,  
but him they did not see.'  
25 And he said to them,  
'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!  
26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?'  
27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,  
he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

## Reflection

It is the evening of Easter day and two of the disciples who heard the testimony of the women are walking away from Jerusalem disheartened. They meet Jesus, in his first appearance as the risen Christ, but they do not recognise him. He will gradually be revealed to them in the Scriptures and in the Breaking of Bread. They try to explain what has happened but do not understand God's plan. Jesus patiently explains that he was more than a prophet who was mighty in word and deed but that through his death and resurrection he brings the liberty he promised. In a reversal it is not just that the Scriptures point towards Jesus but that he is the key to understanding them.

- What troubles and worries do you place before the Lord?
- What new light does he shed on them?

## Prayer

O God of mystery,  
out of death you delivered Christ Jesus,  
and he walked in hidden glory with his disciples.

Stir up our faith,  
that our hearts may burn within us  
at the sound of his word  
and our eyes be opened to recognise him  
in the breaking of the bread.

Grant this through Jesus Christ,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
who lives and reigns with you now and always  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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