



3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 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.

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?" 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, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up 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 happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 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. 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."

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Some things to think about

- When did the disciples recognise Jesus? What were they doing?
- Jesus' friends were very important to him. How can we show our friends we care about them?
- We feel close to God when we welcome others and show kindness to them. St Pier Giorgio Frassati liked to do this - he shared food and conversation with those he met.

Activity

Choose someone this week to have a conversation with. Use the worksheet (p42) to help you think of questions to ask.



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Teacher's notes

The road to Emmaus is only found in Luke's Gospel and is the first of three resurrection appearances found in this Gospel. It includes Luke's themes of journeying, faith as seeing and hospitality. Throughout Luke's Gospel there is a theme of seeing and in this passage, he shows how the Risen Christ opens the eyes of the disciples, through his explanation of the scriptures, to explain all the things concerning himself in God's plan.

The disciples invited the stranger to dinner and in the breaking of bread, the sharing of a meal, they have their eyes opened; they knew it was Jesus. Even though it is late they ran back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples Jesus is risen!

The key themes in this story link with Mini Vinnie values:

- Jesus is walking with us, even if we don't recognise him.
- Hospitality and friendship are important; through the disciples' concern to show hospitality to a stranger their sadness is transformed into joy.

Notes:

1
WHAT'S YOUR
FAVOURITE THING TO
DO ON THE WEEKEND?

2
IF YOU COULD MAKE ONE
CHANGE IN THE WORLD,
WHAT WOULD IT BE?

3
WHAT'S SOMETHING
THAT MADE YOU
SMILE RECENTLY?



5
WHO DO YOU LIKE TO
SPEND TIME WITH,
AND WHY?

4
WHAT'S YOUR
HAPPIEST
MEMORY?

Things I want to share or ask about:

