

## Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020

**Background:** In every cycle, this Sunday is about the risen Jesus sharing a meal with his disciples. In Year A (this year) the choice of the Emmaus episode from Luke is especially rich for it evokes one of the most important statements of Vatican II, that there are *four* real presences of Jesus in the liturgy: in the assembly, in the ministers who serve the assembly, in the Word, and in the consecrated bread and wine.

### Some Discussion Questions

1. Why were the two disciples leaving Jerusalem? What had shattered their faith in Jesus?
2. Why did the two disciples' hearts burn within them on the road? When has Christ been really present to you?
3. Why did they recognize him in the *breaking* of the bread? What does that tell us about where we might look for Jesus?
4. Why do the two disciples go back to Jerusalem? What does that tell us about the direction that our own lives should take?

**Practice:** In what way is my family or household trying to build the presence of Jesus into our life together?

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