



## The Gospel & Homily † el Evangelio y la Homilía

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Third Sunday of Easter - Tercer Domingo de Pascua

### Announcements

We have returned to our church for Mass each Sunday. Pray for our safety and for all those who suffer from sickness. May God protect the faithful. We pray for our loved ones and so many others in the world.

Let us also pray for the departure of the virus, and rapid vaccine distribution. This is a crisis that changes how we worship and takes away our closeness; but never alters our love and faith in the Lord. We are steadfast in the face of this challenge, through the courage and example of Jesus Christ.

- Happy birthday to Flo Thursday Apr 22
  - Happy birthday to Roz Friday Apr 23
  - Happy Birthday to Regina Spadafora Sunday Apr 25
  - Reconciliation Service for Sunday, 2 May at 1030, el domingo dos de mayo a las diez y media
  - Let us watch the news carefully; listen to what doctors say, and pray that all the people of the world will be vaccinated. Pray so that all churches may resume the gathering that means so much.
  - I will stay in touch with each of you as we plan our church schedule for the months ahead.
- Please also visit the website at <https://spcath.org>

### Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



## Homily

Before we talk about the real lesson in today's Gospel, I want to set the stage for you on what was happening.

In other translations of the bible, the reading begins with "The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way..." That is appropriate in this case. Previously in this chapter of Luke, was the story about two disciples and what took place while they walked seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. This is the popular biblical story, "The Road to Emmaus." During that trip Jesus just sort of joined in with them... and they walked and talked.

You should know that Jesus had many, many disciples who were not apostles. The team was large and there was much work and teaching to do during the ministry of Christ.

Of course these two disciples in the story knew Jesus but their eyes would not allow them to recognize the teacher. Mystical things like this happened often in bible accounts. One of the men was named Cleopas, the other was not named.

So Jesus asked what was going on. Cleopas said 'Holy cow. Where have you been?' They told him all about Jesus the Nazarene, the prophet and teacher who cured the sick and worked miracles. 'We were really hoping he was the savior, but the crowd and the Romans crucified him. But listen to this...

He was placed in a tomb and now the tomb is empty and some angels told some women in our group that Jesus was risen from the dead.'

Is that so?

So Jesus reminded them about faith and trust in God. They had a meal; they broke bread... and their eyes were opened and they recognized the teacher and savior. Then these two men hurried back to Jerusalem to find the eleven apostles and share this great news.

It turned out that Jesus had already appeared to Peter. When Cleopas and his friend told their story the Apostles were overjoyed.

Then... during all of this Jesus appears in the middle of the group. They were startled, rightly so, and Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

Christ showed them his hands and his feet and told them 'ghosts don't have flesh and bones, it's really me.' In the middle of all the shock and head-scratching, incredibly Jesus says, "Do you have anything to eat?"

So they fed the Lord and a conversation ensued about the laws of Moses and the prophets who foretold of the coming of the savior and his sacrifice for our sins. Jesus opened their minds and helped them to understand. This was all written in the scriptures, that the Christ would suffer and die for the sins of humans. His name would be preached to all nations. He told them "You are witnesses to these things."

So what is our message today? That apparently, eating baked fish is just the right thing to settle the nerves of a group and help them understand you are the risen Christ?

No... the message is to believe in the scriptures. You do not need to feel the wounds of Jesus as proof. The word of God is recorded and there for you to read.

You are baptized into the ministry of Christ. Your church is here. The Holy Spirit unites us all. Prayer helps us speak with one voice. We give over our lives to the Lord.

When you have lived your life and fulfilled the commandments of God, you will meet Jesus in heaven. Until then trust the name of God Almighty.



## Evangelio Lucas 24:36b-48

Jesús se puso en medio de ellos y los saludó diciendo: —Paz a ustedes.

Ellos se asustaron mucho, pensando que estaban viendo un espíritu. Pero Jesús les dijo: —¿Por qué están asustados? ¿Por qué tienen esas dudas en su corazón? Miren mis manos y mis pies. Soy yo mismo. Tóquenme y vean: un espíritu no tiene carne ni huesos, como ustedes ven que tengo yo.

Al decirles esto, les enseñó las manos y los pies. Pero como ellos no acababan de creerlo, a causa de la alegría y el asombro que sentían, Jesús les preguntó: —¿Tienen aquí algo que comer?

Le dieron un pedazo de pescado asado, y él lo aceptó y lo comió en su presencia. Luego les dijo: — Lo que me ha pasado es aquello que les anuncié cuando estaba todavía con ustedes: que había de cumplirse todo lo que está escrito de mí en la ley de Moisés, en los libros de los profetas y en los salmos.

Entonces hizo que entendieran las Escrituras, y les dijo: —Está escrito que el Mesías tenía que morir, y resucitar al tercer día, y que en su nombre se anunciará a todas las naciones que se vuelvan a Dios, para que él les perdone sus pecados. Comenzando desde Jerusalén, ustedes deben dar testimonio de estas cosas.



## Homilía

Antes de hablar sobre la verdadera lección del Evangelio de hoy, quiero prepararles el escenario sobre lo que estaba sucediendo.

En otras traducciones de la Biblia, la lectura comienza con “Los dos discípulos contaron lo que había sucedido en el camino ...” Eso es apropiado en este caso. Anteriormente en este capítulo de Lucas, estaba la historia de dos discípulos y lo que sucedió mientras caminaban siete millas desde Jerusalén hasta Emaús. Esta es la popular historia bíblica, "El camino a Emaús". Durante ese viaje, Jesús se unió a ellos ... y caminaron y hablaron.

Debes saber que Jesús tuvo muchos, muchos discípulos que no eran apóstoles. El equipo era grande y había mucho trabajo y enseñanza que hacer durante el ministerio de Cristo.

Por supuesto, estos dos discípulos de la historia conocían a Jesús, pero sus ojos no les permitían reconocer al maestro. Cosas místicas como esta sucedían a menudo en los relatos bíblicos. Uno de los hombres se llamaba Cleofás, el otro no se nombraba.

Entonces Jesús preguntó qué estaba pasando. Cleofás dijo: "Santo cielo. ¿Dónde has estado?" Le contaron todo sobre Jesús el Nazareno, el profeta y maestro que curó a los enfermos y obró milagros. “Realmente esperábamos que fuera el salvador, pero la multitud y los romanos lo crucificaron. Pero escucha esto ...

Lo colocaron en una tumba y ahora la tumba está vacía y algunos ángeles les dijeron a algunas mujeres de nuestro grupo que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos ”.

¿Es eso así?

Entonces Jesús les recordó la fe y la confianza en Dios. Comieron; partieron el pan ... y se les abrieron los ojos y reconocieron al maestro y salvador. Luego, estos dos hombres se apresuraron a regresar a Jerusalén para encontrar a los once apóstoles y compartir esta gran noticia.

Resultó que Jesús ya se le había aparecido a Pedro. Cuando Cleofás y su amigo contaron su historia, los Apóstoles se llenaron de alegría.

Entonces ... durante todo esto Jesús aparece en medio del grupo. Ellos se sorprendieron, con razón, y Jesús dijo: "La paz sea con ustedes".

Cristo les mostró sus manos y sus pies y les dijo 'los fantasmas no tienen carne ni huesos, realmente soy yo.' En medio de toda la conmoción y rascarse la cabeza, increíblemente Jesús dice: "¿Tienen algo de comer? "

Así que dieron de comer al Señor y se entabló una conversación sobre las leyes de Moisés y los profetas que predijeron la venida del Salvador y su sacrificio por nuestros pecados. Jesús les abrió la mente y les ayudó a comprender. Todo esto estaba escrito en las escrituras, que el Cristo sufriría y moriría por los pecados de los humanos. Su nombre sería predicado a todas las naciones. Les dijo: "Ustedes son testigos de estas cosas".

Entonces, ¿cuál es nuestro mensaje hoy? ¿Que aparentemente comer pescado al horno es lo correcto para calmar los nervios de un grupo y ayudarlos a entender que usted es el Cristo resucitado?

No ... el mensaje es creer en las escrituras. No necesitas sentir las heridas de Jesús como prueba. La palabra de Dios está registrada y allí para que la lea.

Estás bautizado en el ministerio de Cristo. Tu iglesia está aquí. El Espíritu Santo nos une a todos. La oración nos ayuda a hablar con una sola voz. Entregamos nuestras vidas al Señor.

Cuando haya vivido su vida y haya cumplido los mandamientos de Dios, se encontrará con Jesús en el cielo. Hasta entonces confía en el nombre de Dios Todopoderoso.

