

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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ANGELS	DEBATING	MOSES
ANNOUNCED	DISCUSSING	NAZARENE
ASTOUNDED	EMMAUS	PROPHET
BREAD	FOOLISH	RECOGNIZING
BREAKING	HEART	REDEEM
CLEOPAS	ISRAEL	SCRIPTURES
CONVERSING	JERUSALEM	TOMB
CRUCIFIED	JESUS	VILLAGE

Catechizing Corner!

In the gospel we are told that "it is necessary" that Jesus suffer. Why was it necessary? ". . . God's purpose must be realized in a recalcitrant world. By not annihilating the world or robbing it of its power of decision and action, God lays upon God's servants the harsh destiny of suffering." The world will not easily submit to the will of God. As a result, Jesus must follow in the pattern of all the prophets (such as Moses) who went before him. He must fulfill his prophetic destiny. Prophets proclaimed the word of God. They de-nounced sin and evil in the world. Their prophetic ministry ultimately led to rejection and death. It was the destiny of prophets, and Jesus was a prophet. Luke portrays Jesus as a martyr, and in so doing places his death in the context of his prophetic mission. Those who were to follow in his footsteps and proclaim the gospel would endure a similar fate. Luke seems to suggest that Jesus opened the eyes of his disciples by helping them comprehend the sacred pattern of prophetic destiny. Comprehending prophetic destiny, in turn, was the key to understanding Jesus and the scriptures that revealed him.

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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

Third Sunday of Easter

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A Call to Prayer

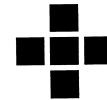
The Word of God

Luke 24:13-35

Faith Sharing

Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not

Gospel Glossary

Conversing and *debating* mean talking about something and arguing about it.

The one to redeem Israel means the savior,

find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

the Messiah.



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Sunday of Easter