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WHAT WE READ

We read Psalm 16 and saw how St. Peter applied it to Jesus: God did not abandon him to death, and his body did not decay. Jesus truly died, was buried, and rose again. Then, in the present: on Easter afternoon two disciples walked home to Emmaus, sad, telling a stranger how they had hoped Jesus was the one. The stranger explained the things concerning himself in the Scriptures. At dinner he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened: it was Jesus, alive. He vanished, and they went straight back to Jerusalem that same hour, where the other disciples greeted them with the news: The Lord has risen indeed. Then Jesus himself stood among them, showed them his hands and feet, and ate a piece of fish to prove he was not a ghost.

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus really rose from the dead, in a real body that could be touched and could eat; it is the foundation of everything we believe (CCC 638-639, 645). And the two disciples met him the way we still do: in the Scriptures opened on the road and in the bread broken at the table. That is the shape of every Mass, the readings and then the Eucharist (CCC 1347).

MEMORY VERSE

“The Lord has risen indeed.” (Luke 24:34)

ONE QUESTION FOR DINNER

The two disciples did not recognize Jesus walking right beside them. Where might Jesus be walking beside our family this week without us noticing?

THIS WEEK'S ONE STEP

At Mass this Sunday, watch for the two halves of Emmaus: the readings, and the bread taken, blessed, broken, and given. Talk about where you saw them on the drive home.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, you are alive. Walk beside our family, open the Scriptures to us, and open our eyes. Amen.

NEXT TIME

Session 6: Come Home. We read the story of the son who ran away and the father who ran to meet him (Luke 15:11-24).