

Getting Ready for Sunday!

Sunday, 14 April 2024



Third Sunday of the Easter Season

This passage from St Luke follows directly after the account of the journey of Jesus with disciples in the Road to Emmaus in Luke 24:35-48.

Jesus reveals Himself anew to the disciples.

They are slow to recognise Him as He appears in a form somewhat different to that previously known to them.

The disciples are challenged to:

- be people of the resurrection giving witness to the living God among us.
- look for Jesus in unexpected places and forms
- trust that God has always been with His people and always will be
- accept the gift of Peace and to share it with one another
- know that we cannot experience the resurrection without accepting the pain of the cross

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus Meets With His Disciples



Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them:

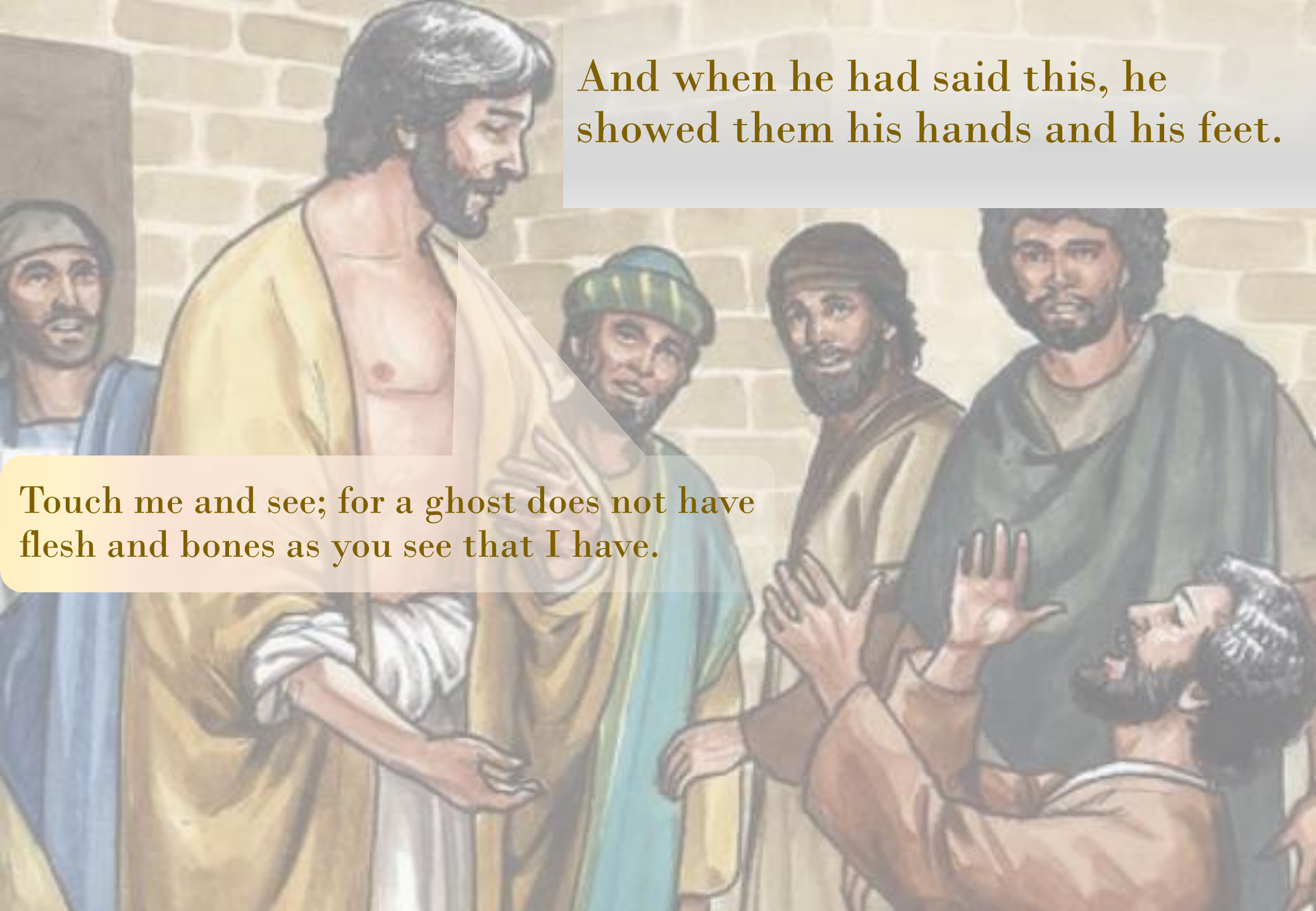


Peace be with you.

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.





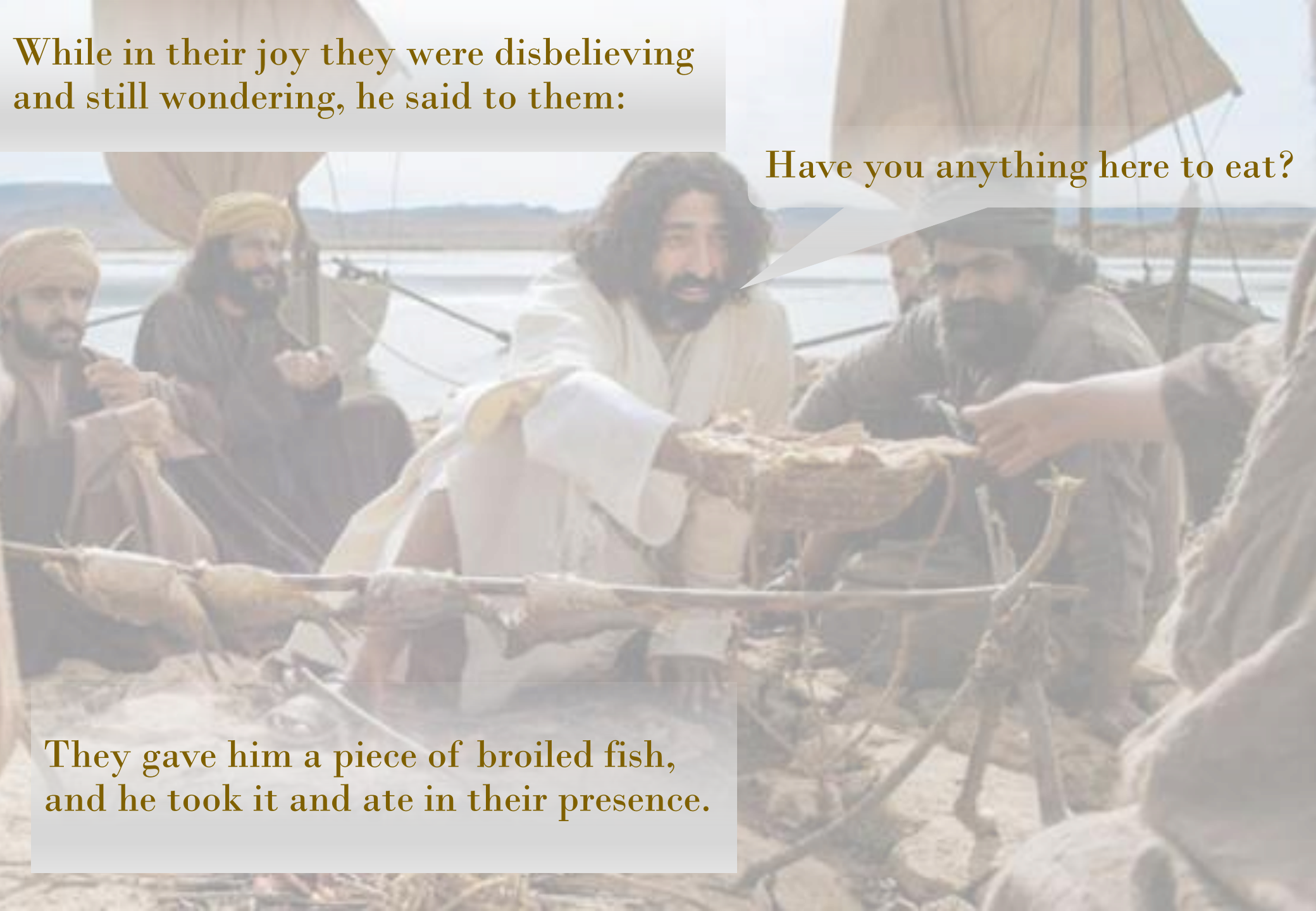
And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.

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.



We have the privilege of knowing God in human form in Jesus!

We also have the privilege of knowing Jesus in every person whom we meet!

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.

Your acts of love give
witness to Jesus!



How will you give witness
to Jesus this week?

Bible Search

Read Luke 24:35-48 in your family Bible - this is
the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 24:35-48

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?
2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?
3. Jesus opened their minds to ‘understand the scriptures’, and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.
4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a ‘resurrection’ experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?

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Consider



*When have you experienced the gift of God's Peace in your life?
Have you accepted God's gift of Peace today?*

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to believe that the Risen Jesus is truly with you.

