

APRIL 19, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



ACTS 3:13–15, 17–19

PSALM 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9

1 JOHN 2:1–5A

LUKE 24:35–48

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel has a particular focus on Jesus's physical post-Resurrection presence. The early Church was interested in making sure that its members knew Jesus was truly human not just "God in disguise." Jesus truly suffered, actually died, and really rose from the dead. Today's Gospel is a reflection of that interest. Luke makes it clear that Jesus was physically present—he sat and ate with the disciples. But more than that, he stayed and taught them and explained the Scriptures so that they could know in their heads *and* in their hearts that Jesus was truly risen!



LOVE IS THE ANSWER (MINI DOCUMENTARY)

A short documentary made by a seventeen year old about human rights:

www.catholic.org/video/watch.php?v=4988

ACTION

When a new student comes to class there's a period of time where they're uncertain as to how things work. When the teacher makes a rule or request how strictly must it be followed? What are the expectations? The students who've been there all along will already know. The new kid won't. In today's Second Reading the idea is similar. Those who know God will keep his commandments. Do you know God? Do you know what God expects of you or are you the new kid? Practice the Two Great Commandments this week: love God, love your neighbor.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Forgiveness of sins appears in each reading today. Do you believe that God forgives you? Why or why not?
- "The Lord will hear me when I call upon him," sings the psalmist (4:4). What experiences do you have of calling on the Lord and being heard?