

The Way of Light



STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION



Station 5: The Breaking of the Bread



RESPONSE:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you!

Because by your Cross and Resurrection you have redeemed the world.



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“... but they constrained him, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?’”

Luke 24:29-32



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Reflection:

“The two disciples pressed a stranger on the road saying, “Stay with us. It is nearly evening!” As the stranger, Jesus in his resurrected body may have hid himself.

At the evening meal when the risen Jesus sat down with the disciples, He took the bread into his hands and blessed the bread, repeating these actions from the Last Supper. Their eyes were still kept from seeing him. Only when Jesus broke the bread, was the risen Jesus made known to them. And then, as soon as they did see him, he vanished. Why? Jesus was pointing them to the way he would be present from now on. That is why the disciples go away rejoicing in “how the risen Jesus was known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

After His Ascension into heaven, the risen Jesus’ normal appearance is only under the appearance of the Eucharistic Bread.

What has the breaking of the bread come to mean to you at each Eucharist?

Source: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre

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Station 6: Appearance of Jesus to the Disciples in Jerusalem



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“And he said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this he showed them his hands and his feet.”

Luke 24: 38-40



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Reflection:

If you have a scar, you have a story; sometimes the bigger the scar the bigger the story. People are often eager to show their scars and tell their stories. While we may be willing to look at their scars and listen to their stories, it isn't often that we want to touch their scars. We find that a bit disturbing. And yet to his disturbed disciples Jesus says, "Touch me, and see ...".

How would the resurrection story been different if Jesus hadn't had scars? What *proof* would he have had that he wasn't a ghost? What *proof* would he have had of his passion and death? Would we have been able to tell the story of his passion and death through the centuries without those scars?

Perhaps Jesus' scars serve not just as proof of his passion and death and resurrection, but also of ours. Look at one of your scars; what story does it tell? What did you live through? How did the grace of Jesus' death and resurrection see you through? Then, remember to tell others about that grace when you share your scar story.

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