

Everyday FAITH Family Page

I Spy Salvation's Story.

Law/Gospel

Without Jesus' Word, we are ignorant of the truths of salvation. Jesus makes His salvation known to us through teaching and the breaking of bread.

Bible Words

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3

The Big Picture

Though the men invited Jesus to stay with them as a guest, He took on the role of the host by breaking the bread and passing it to them, the traditional way of beginning a meal. In that moment, Jesus revealed Himself to them, and they recognized Him as the risen Messiah.

These actions were similar to how Jesus broke bread and gave it to His disciples at the Last Supper before His death and established the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Breaking bread with the two men is not a reference to Holy Communion, but His actions remind us of the way we enjoy the gifts of life and unity with Christ in the Lord's Supper.

The Case of the Broken Bread: Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13–35

F rom the women who saw the angel on Easter morning to the disciples who ran to the empty tomb, the joyful news spread: "Jesus is alive!" The men on the road to Emmaus were discussing these events when Jesus came up and walked with them, but they were kept from recognizing Him.

When Jesus asked what they were talking about, the men were shocked that He had not heard the news. The men felt confused by the news that Jesus, who had been crucified, was alive. They wondered if it was really true.

Seeing their lack of faith, Jesus explained from the Scriptures why the Son of God had to suffer, die, and then enter His glory.

Later in the day, the men arrived in Emmaus and invited Jesus to stay with them. When they sat down for the evening meal, Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to them. In that moment, their eyes opened, the men realized it was Jesus, and He vanished from sight.

Excitedly, the men hurried to share the good news with the rest of Jesus' followers. It was true! Jesus had risen from the dead.

Resurrection and Redemption

While talking to Jesus on the road, the men spoke about how they "hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21). They, like many others, believed the long-promised Messiah would establish an earthly kingdom and free Israel from Roman rule.

Through the Scriptures, Jesus helped the men understand that His cross was the true means of redeeming God's people. Through His sacrifice and empty tomb, Jesus defeated the enemies of sin, death, and the devil. All who believe in Him receive the gift of new life, now and forever.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for redeeming us through Your death and resurrection. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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