

The Road to Emmaus: Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement

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That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.

- Luke 24:13-17

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Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

- Luke 24:18-20

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But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

- Luke 24:21-23

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And he said to them, “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

- Luke 24:25-27

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So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.”

- Luke 24:28-29

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The Breaking of the Bread

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When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them.

- Luke 24:30 ”

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Our Hearts Burned within Us

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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?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them.

- Luke 24:31-33 ”

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Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- Luke 24:35 ”

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As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them ... But they were startled and frightened ... “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 while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

- Luke 24:36-41

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Opened their Minds to Understand

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“These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.”

- Luke 24:44-46

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All Things New

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Behold, I make all things new.

- Revelation 21:5

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Session 2

- **What is the importance of scripture for us as Catholics? How much do we prioritize an understanding of God's Word? How can we do more?**
- **How real is ongoing conversion in my life?**