

## Third Sunday of Easter

### April 26, 2009

**Scripture:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2-9; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

**Reflection:** Resurrection Hope

Jesus stood in their midst. He took baked fish and ate in front of them. He calmed their fears of a ghost and quieted them. He spoke to them. He invited them to touch and see. He opened their minds to understand all that he had told them while with them.

The Master Teacher, Jesus, knows our humanness so well! Our ability to comprehend and grasp things more often than not hinges on our visual and tangible need to employ the senses. Jesus is a real hands-on instructor. He presents us with a variety of sensory ways to come to know him as he did the early followers. A great teacher knows that the more senses utilized in the learning process, the greater the learning experience. We are no different from those first followers of the resurrected Lord.

These Easter readings today give us much to contemplate, to bring to prayer, and to remind us of how grateful we should be. Jesus will go to any extreme to convince us of his presence, his irresistible longing to have us follow Him, his insatiable love for us, and his burning desire to have us return that love.

### Suggested Action:

Bask in this Gospel scene today, live in it, allow each moment with Jesus to flow through you. Then ponder the tangible signs we have of experiencing Jesus in our midst, for instance, the sacraments, the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Above all, *rejoice* in these outward guarantees that wherever two or more are gathered in his name, *he is there*.



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