

Crumbs!

Acts 2^{14,36-41}; [Psalm 116¹⁻⁷; 1 Peter 1¹⁷⁻²³] Luke 24¹³⁻³⁵

They told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. [Luke 24³⁵]

What did they talk about? Why didn't they write it all down? Those two disciples on the Emmaus Road have let us down! If their encounter with the risen Jesus was inspiring enough to get them to run 7 miles in the dark to get back to Jerusalem, we should know much more about it! The theologian in me would love to be able to read how Jesus interpreted his own life and death from the Hebrew Scriptures!

- ✠ You can just imagine the conversation - these were two chaps coming to terms with the fact that Jesus had died and how, at the point they left, the body was missing.
- ✠ You can also imagine the hyperbole in the voice as they said to the stranger **are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place in these days?**
- ✠ Their summary is accurate enough but it talked in the past tense of the things they had **hoped** for. They heard rumours of the resurrection but they only had evidence of an empty tomb.
- ✠ The lesson in interpreting 2000 years of Scripture must have been totally absorbing - they were, after all, talking to the author!

It was later, when they were settling down for the night and sharing food, that Jesus became **known to them in the breaking of the bread.**

We shall soon break bread - just the two of us here (and Jesus, of course) with you all sharing in your own way.

What is so important to us is that we, unlike the two disciples, learn to recognise Jesus with us on our path through life, opening the Scripture too us so that we can meet him as he is and sharing the journey with us; recognise, too, that in all

the Sacraments and especially in the breaking of bread his presence continues to inspire, refresh and console us. It may be, that as with the disciples, his presence doesn't immediately help us make sense of life, but to know that we are have such a companion is the beginning of growing into a deeper understanding.