

Luke 24:13-49 Easter 2

Beloved siblings in Christ, grace to you and peace from God our Maker, Redeemer, and Sustainer, amen.

This gospel reading is a whole sermon in itself, and I invite you to spend some time with it. I love this text, but it's a long one, so I'll keep my remarks brief and try to convey a few of the things I love.

1) Jesus' invitation throughout his teachings is "Come and see; touch me and see; taste and see." He knows that skepticism is baked in to the human condition, so he invites us into *experience*.

2) Just as he appears in the breaking of the bread, Jesus shows up every time we share the meal at his table. His presence transforms us into his one Body in the world; his hands and feet to carry out his ministry.

3) The fact that Jesus' resurrected body still gets hungry, still carries his wounds, underscores that we are beloved in our woundedness and brokenness. Jesus' hands and feet show the disciples who he is, and so do our scars bear witness to the many things that have happened along our path, and thus who we are and have come to be. God loves and tends to every hurt place in us.

4) Jesus walks along with his disciples even when they're clueless, and he promises to keep walking with us as long as we need.