

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
Covenant Group Discussion**

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April 10, 2008

Based on Lessons for the 3rd Sunday in Easter

Old Testament: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 – Peter addresses the crowd and The first converts

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 – The walk to Emmaus

**Look**

1. Father Aiona gave us examples of historical statements that were unbelievable when first introduced, but which are now very commonplace. Can you think of anything in your life that was previously “unreal” but is now “real”? What caused that change in thinking or believing?
2. Do you recall a time when you did not recognize someone or were not recognized by someone until you were engaged in some way with that person for some time? How did it feel when that recognition took place?
3. Father Aiona talked about not merely being told about certain beliefs, but actually “feeling” it in your heart. If I told you that the cashier at the supermarket is the face of Jesus, would you believe me? If not, what would it take for you to believe me?

**Book**

The disciples are not looking for Jesus. Jesus was a leader they saw executed. Their expectations have been shattered, and they are grieving. Two disciples are headed to Emmaus from Jerusalem. Jesus is walking alongside but they do not recognize Him.

1. Why didn't they know Him when they were just with Him a few days earlier in the upper room?
2. Why did the breaking of the bread trigger the disciples' recognition of Jesus and why did Jesus vanish so quickly?
3. The two disciples said “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” What do you think this means?

**Took**

Father Aiona said that the resurrected Christ is always with us. However, we do not always feel His presence. We let the opinions, doubts, attitudes of suspicion of others influence us.

1. What can I do to recognize the presence of Christ in my daily life? What prevents me from doing this?
2. If I truly believe that Christ is always with me, what can I do to share this feeling with others?