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Liturgical Date: Year B, Easter 3, 14th April 2024

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(Sorry for the background noise in this Message video – torrential rain came as we were recording this in Pittwater, Sydney!!)

Focus Reading: Acts :12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

Message 15 minutes 0 seconds

“In the Midst”

Discussion Starters

- 1** What are the most significant truths in this final resurrection account in Luke’s gospel?
- 2** Is it helpful to see the relationship between faith and struggle?
- 3** Do we more easily relate to the Easter Day accounts rather than what we find in the closing words of Luke?
- 4** Does the link to Acts cause us to consider our link to the community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 4 The psalmist laments “how long” the unbelieving delusions of the people will last while urging the people to “know this: the LORD takes personal care of the faithful” (v3).

Acts 4:32-35 The people neither understood nor believed the scriptures about the coming of Jesus. But God used this ignorance to reveal everything he foretold about the coming of the Christ.

1 John 3: 1-7 John comforts the Christians of his day who are struggling with the unbelieving world by assuring them the reason that the world does not accept them is that the world also neither knew nor accepted the Christ.

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All Age Message: Glenda Downie

“Encountering Jesus”

Length 5 minutes 0 seconds

Precis of AAM

Sometimes we can unexpectedly encounter people in unexpected places. Jesus amazingly can appear to be with us when we least expect it too. Jesus is with us when we often least expect it, when we are sad, in a bad mood, confused or happy! He is always with us but sometimes we do not recognise his presence. The persons on the road to Emmaus were certainly surprised!

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 4 pages 247-248

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