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Easter 3 Year A, April 19th 2026

Presenter: Rev Minh Towner

Focus Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Message: 14 minutes 30 seconds

"The Road to Emmaus"

Discussion Starters

1. How does this passage challenge the idea God is absent when we cannot feel him?
2. What are moments in your life when discouragement and disappointment made it hard for you to see God's presence?
3. What practices help you and your church stay spiritually sensitive to Jesus' voice – prayer, Scripture, community, reflection?
4. What does faithful witness look like in your community, school, workplace, or church?

Readings for this day

Psalm 116 1-4, 12-19 A song of thanks, this psalm moves from an expression of distress to an expression of faith.

Acts 2:14a,36-41 Hearing the conclusion of the Pentecost sermon the followers are troubled. Their query has been changed from wondering what this means to thinking what they should do? In response they repent, turn to God and are baptised.

1 Peter 1:17-23 Those who have a living hope in Christ are summoned to holy living. The exhortation is to love deeply and constantly from the heart.

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All Age Address:

"Free From Sin"

Glenda Downie *Length:* 4 minutes 50 seconds

Glenda has been the Children and Families worker at Pittwater Uniting for the last 10 Years, where she met and married her husband (Brett). Now has a smiley son Xavier. She enjoys thinking of fun and engaging ways to teach kids about Jesus. Also walking around the Northern beaches, snow skiing and watching Formular 1 - Maclaren Team!

Precis of AAA

When people break community laws we may be punished. When we break God's laws, God's son paid the price to forgive us and we are forgiven and made free. We need to remember to thank God.

A coat and a rope is used to illustrate how we can be freed from our sin.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 – pages 333-334

Rev Minh Towner

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