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Today's reading

Easter Sunday, Year A (April 19, 2026)

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First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22 - 33

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17 - 21

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13 - 35

The account of Jesus' resurrection in Luke 24 consists of four scenes: the morning of the resurrection (verses 1-12), the appearance on the road to Emmaus (verses 13-35), the appearance to the disciples (verses 36-49), and the Ascension (verses 50-53). These scenes share common elements: they explain the resurrection in connection with Jesus' passion and death (vv. 6-7, 26-27, 46); the risen Jesus opens the disciples' eyes of understanding so that they may believe (vv. 31, 35, 45); and the disciples recognize the risen Jesus during a meal with him (vv. 30, 35, 41-43).

The overall structure of the narrative can be represented as A-B-C-D-C' B' A'. The central point of the narrative is the question, "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (v. 26). The structure is illustrated below.

A (24:13-14) On their way to a village called Emmaus, about sixty stadia from Jerusalem (24:13)

B (24:15-16) Their eyes were kept from recognizing him, so they did not realize it was Jesus (24:16)

C (24:17-24) Cleopas' s explanation

D (24:25-26) Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory? (24:26)

C' (24:27) He explained to them the things written about himself (24:27)

B' (24:28-31) Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him as Jesus (24:31)

A' (24:32-35) Without delay, they set out and returned to Jerusalem (24:33)

Verse 13: On that very day

This refers to the day the women reported the empty tomb. There are several theories regarding the actual location of Emmaus.

Verse 14: As they were discussing all these things

The two disciples were talking. The verb “discuss” in verse 32 is the same, but in one instance they discuss the events surrounding Jesus in vain and with despondency, while in the other they excitedly discuss the fact that Jesus had risen and was with them.

Verse 16: Their eyes were kept from recognizing him

In terms of content, this likely corresponds to verse 31, “Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.”

The disciples do not understand that, within God’s plan, Jesus would suffer and die on the cross

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Verse 19: A prophet whose deeds and words are powerful

This is the prophet expected at the end of the age (Acts 3:22 - 23, 7:22, 35, 37). Jesus once made a journey to Jerusalem (Chapter 9, verse 51). It was a journey leading to the cross. Along the way, Jesus announced the coming of salvation to the people through His deeds and words, but the disciples traveling with Him did not understand the true meaning of His deeds and words (Chapter 18, verse 34). The disciples on the road to Emmaus are also traveling, yet they do not know who the One walking with them is.