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How would you respond if I told you that everything you need to know about Jesus Christ is found in Luke 24:36b-48? This passage functions as a sort of précis of Jesus' life and ministry. It is also catechetical, pointing to key doctrinal truths about Jesus with which the early church struggled. Let's take a closer look.

Jesus brings peace to the anxious.

This text flows directly from the Road to Emmaus narrative (Luke 24:13-35). In today's Scripture reading, Jesus appears to a group of people that we know to be the eleven disciples and their companions (*cf* Luke 24:33), which include the two unnamed followers of Jesus who had journeyed from Jerusalem to Emmaus, and in all likelihood Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and a coterie of other women. So far, news of Jesus has been nebulous: two men in dazzling clothes appear to the women proclaiming resurrection (Luke 24:4-7); Jesus himself appears though he is unrecognisable (Luke 24:16). Anxiety was high. Jesus' first words to his followers were "peace to you". Jesus inaugurates a peace that arises out of – and sometimes in the absence of – faith.

Jesus' presence ought to haunt every fellowship worthy of his name.

When Jesus appears to his followers, they think they are seeing a ghost (Luke 24:37). They are "terrified" and "filled with fear". This is completely understandable: dead bodies are supposed to stay dead! And yet here Jesus is, resurrected. In another sense, Jesus' resurrection means that what he said was true, and if he was not bluffing about his resurrection we need to assume that Jesus really meant what he said about how his followers are to treat others, especially the marginalised.

God really resurrected Jesus from the dead.

Jesus' bodily appearance, and the lengths Luke takes to assert this fact, makes all Gnostic and

GET YOUR GARDEN READY FOR SUMMER



Come to SJV's gardening/coffee morning

Plants and vegetable seedlings for sale

**Opportunity to chat to gardeners, ask
questions and get ideas**

Saturday 20 April 11.00 – 12.30

Narthex and patio

**Organised by the Social and Fundraising Committee
with the SJV weeders & pruners**

Readings and psalm responses

Psalm response	First reading	Gospel
10am: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.	Acts 3:13-15,17-19	Luke 24:35-48
5pm: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.	Second reading 1 John 2:1-5	

Parish Finance

Offertory, Mass stipends, candles, repository, etc + average standing orders, online donations, other donations £1,564.86

Docetic beliefs untenable. The resurrected Christ was no disembodied spirit. Nor was Jesus merely a resuscitated corpse. Jesus is not a ghost; he is a real person. The resurrected Christ has a body, and even if contemporary believers cannot embrace Jesus as his disciples did, we bear witness to more than a spiritualised, demythologised Christ when we preach about Jesus' resurrection.

Even as the resurrected Christ, Jesus continues to bear the marks of his suffering for us.

Even resurrected, Jesus' body bears witness to a way of being for others. He embodies love. As the preacher and academic Fred Craddock observes,

This identification [between Jesus and eternal Christ] is critical, not just for theology but also for defining the nature of Christian life. If the Jesus who died belongs to the historical past but the one disciples now follow is the eternal Christ, then the Christian life can take on forms of spirituality that are without suffering for others, without a cross, without any engagement of issues of life in this world, all the while expressing devotion to a living, spiritual Christ.

Jesus says, "Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself". His pierced body bears witness against a mode of discipleship that does not endure scars on behalf of others.

We cannot understand the Scriptures apart from Jesus' life, ministry and resurrection.

The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ. As Luke Timothy Johnson avers, "It is the risen Lord who

teaches the Church to read Torah properly". It is impossible for followers of Christ to understand the Hebrew Scriptures apart from Jesus' life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection. This does not mean that Christians have a monopoly of biblical hermeneutics, but that a properly *Christian* hermeneutic demands a Christocentric approach.

Jesus commissions us to bear witness to his life, ministry and resurrection.

What then shall we do? Jesus tells us we are to proclaim "repentance and forgiveness of sins" and to serve as "witnesses" to the life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus vis-à-vis the Scriptures (Luke 24:46-48). Inasmuch as we participate in the revelation of God in Jesus Christ through our reading of Luke's Gospel, we too are witnesses to what God has done for us in Christ. It's not fancy, nor is it complicated. We are to tell the story of Jesus, which leads to a change (*metanoia*) and a proclamation that in Christ we find forgiveness.

The good news of Jesus Christ is good news for everybody.

Luke's Jesus is clear on the fact that "repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name *to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem*". This is the hinge that connects the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. We must remember that the good news of Jesus Christ follows a centrifugal trajectory; it is good news for everyone without exception.

Safeguarding

The Diocese of Brentwood is to have a Safeguarding Audit carried out by the national safeguarding body. Please remember that our safeguarding rep is Clem Yoganayagam whose contact details are on the front of the newsletter each week. If you have any concerns or need to update your DBS etc please contact him ASAP.

Divine Mercy Devotion

Thank you from David, Tesse and Josef to everyone – including the Legion of Mary, the cantor and all who supplied refreshments – for making last Sunday's afternoon of Divine Mercy Devotion such a success. Several of those who came found it spiritually uplifting and expressed a wish that we repeat it next year.

Fr Rob Page
Parish Priest

Parish Notices and News

Monday evening Mass

Mass in Latin will be celebrated at **6.30pm** on **Monday, 15 April**.

Planned giving boxes

Please take your box from the table in the narthex even if you pay by standing order.

Our speaker today

Today we welcome Phil Chinwuba of the Knights of St Columba who will speak after both our Sunday Masses about the work of the Order and how you can join.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement.

Sacred Heart Companions

The Sacred Heart Companions (SHC) meet monthly at the Chigwell Convent to pray together in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary. The next meeting will be on **Monday 15 April** from 2pm to 3.30pm, followed by a cuppa and biscuits. For more information, please speak to Tesse.

Legion of Mary

Weekly meetings of active members take place on most Sundays after the 10am Mass. Auxiliaries are most welcome to join us.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, available in the narthex, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia.

Sundays are booked well ahead but there is plenty of availability for weekdays.



Living Rosary – intention for April

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our lamps

Do consider sponsoring any of the four lamps that burn at significant spots in our church: Sanctuary Light, Our Lady's Altar, Our Lady of Walsingham and S. Joseph.

Please fill in one of the envelopes in the narthex, place your stipend inside (suggested minimum £7) and give it to Fr Rob or Sonia.

Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of tinned and other non-perishable foods, as well as toiletries, toilet paper, sanitary pads and baby nappies, are greatly appreciated. Please place your donations on the foodbank table in the S. John Henry Newman Chapel.

Parish repository

Our repository is open after the Sunday morning Mass and stocks a wide variety of gifts, cards and devotional items. Open at other times on request.

External events

Caritas networking day – Romford

If you are interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, the cost of living crisis, mental health and well-being, welcoming refugees and migrants or the causes and effects of climate change, this is a chance to share ideas with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. **Saturday 27 April** 10am-2.30pm at St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford. Register at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network.

Mass times and intentions

Sun	14	Third Sunday of Easter	
	10.00	Yvonne Obi and Felicia Obi RIP	(Legion of Mary and the Obi family)
	16.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	17.00	The People of the Parish	
Mon	15	Feria	
	18.30	Mass in Latin – Tolu Ayeni: birthday blessings.	(The Saturdays)
Tue	16	Tuesday after the Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Michael Josef – thanksgiving & spiritual guidance	(Maria Josef)
Wed	17	Wednesday after the Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Cissie Roche RIP	(Tesse & Marilyn)
Thu	18	Thursday after the Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	For prayers answered	
Fri	19	Friday after the Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Heather Johnson RIP	(Veronica Hayes & family)
Sat	20	Saturday after the Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	Zara-Ann Ashiagbor: thanking God for His mercies (Sally-Ann Ashiagbor)	
Sun	21	Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)	
	10.00	Tolu Ayeni	(Legion of Mary)
	16.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	17.00	The People of the Parish	
Tuesday to Saturday			
	8.00	Office of readings and morning prayer – week 3	
	8.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday to Friday			
	17.30	Evening prayer – week 3	

Stewards

This Sunday Theresa Valerie, Anne Edwards, Tolu Ayeni

Next Sunday Marilyn Butler, Jeffrey Cheah, Barbara Cheah

Extraordinary Ministers

This Sunday **10am** Heather Steadman, Barbara Cheah, Jennifer Alvares
5pm Josef Sehion, Maria Josef

Next Sunday **10am** Francis Addai, Marina Julian, Julian Roshan
5pm Maria Josef, Josef Sehion

Ministers taking communion out today Lily Sarpong, Julian Roshan, Rita Young, Marilyn Butler, Heather Steadman, Josef Sehion (5pm). *Spiritual communion call* Rita Young

Ministers taking communion out next Sunday Francis Addai, Barbara Cheah, Rita Young, Marilyn Butler, Heather Steadman, Maria Josef (5pm)
Spiritual communion call Theresa McDonagh

Readers (Please tell Sonia if you cannot read on your rota day)

This Sunday Sabrina Traynor, Heather Steadman

Next Sunday Sonia Gable, Theresa McDonagh

Repository Marilyn Butler

Refreshments Emelia Mensah

Flowers next Saturday Jennifer Alvares