

Luke 24:13-35

The Road to Emmaus

“...because it is the first post-resurrection meal described in Luke-Acts...it helps define the significance of all Jesus’ fellowship meals, both before and after the resurrection” (Arthur A. Just, 978).

1. Importance of table fellowship. Inviting someone to a meal offers peace, trust, brotherhood, and forgiveness. Therefore, sharing table means sharing life.
2. Withing Jesus’s ministry, table fellowship involved three components: presence, teaching, eating.
 - a. Presence: Genesis 3:8; Leviticus 22:3; Deut. 4:37-38.
 - i. Zion: Ps. 132:13; Psalm 9:11.
 - ii. Jerusalem: Isaiah 2:3, 4:2-4.
 - b. Teaching: Psalm 86:11; Deut. 11:18-19; (teaching) John 21:15; Jeremiah 15:16.
 - c. Eating: Exodus 24:9-11
 - d. Closed communion and teaching before communing. Divine service: Service of Word then Service of the Sacrament.

3. Read Luke 5:27-35. Where and how do we see all three components in this passage?
4. Where and how do we see all three components in the road to Emmaus account?
5. Jerusalem back to Jerusalem (v. 13 and 33). In the journey (“in the way” Luke 24:32, 35), they are transformed from catechumens to initiates (believers with understanding). Confirmation example. Pool and farmer example.
6. Dangers to the journey metaphor?
 - a. Focus on what we do.
 - b. Journey becomes more important than destination.
 - c. Obscures the “now” of the “now...not yet” paradox.
7. Luke 24 teaches us how and where the Church will recognize her Lord.