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Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." — Lk 24:45-46

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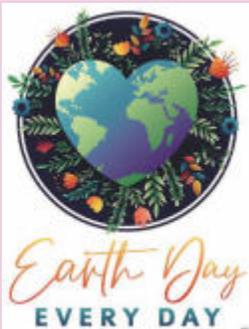
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April 18, 2021: Third Sunday of Easter
Feb 24, 2021
by Mary M. McGlone

What really happened? How often do we ask that question? Where do we look for reliable answers?

Think about two people who were involved in an argument, three who witnessed an assault, or some who watched a child excitedly open a gift. We interpret everything from a limited point of view because unless we are seeing something like candlelight in a dark room, the ability to focus on one thing depends on ignoring the majority of what could be seen. Of course, our focus is also oriented by emotions, values, expectations, and our memory selects according to what we think resulted from what we witnessed.

This Sunday's Gospel gives us Luke's version of the story John told us last week, and he gives it his own twists and context. We seemingly start in the same room with the gathered disciples, but this time they are talking about the report that Jesus had appeared to Simon. Then the two disciples who had recognized Jesus at the table in Emmaus add their testimony. By now the disciples have heard the women announce that Jesus was raised, they heard that Simon had seen him, and these last two reported that they had broken bread with him.

While the disciples were questioning what was happening, they suddenly perceived Jesus among them. In spite of his greeting of peace, they presumed they were seeing a ghost.

"Touch me," he said, "and while you're at it, give me something to eat."

That moved them from thinking of phantoms to being incredulous and amazed. Although they were still far from genuine belief, Luke shows us that their faith in tragedy and hopelessness was beginning to crumble.

According to Luke, Jesus transformed the disciples' frightened depression into the possibility of hope by opening their minds to understand the Scriptures, not from their perspective, but from his. Just as he had done with the Emmaus travelers, Jesus transformed their understanding, and they began to reinterpret not only their faith, but their entire way of living.

Reinterpretation is the task of every age. While Scripture consistently offers us transformation, each time and culture tend to make God in its image. We understand God through our lenses rather than through God's self-revelation. That leads us to distortions of our Scriptures and our social life.

Today's reading from 1 John is particularly susceptible to being misinterpreted. John tells us, "We have an advocate with the Father. ... He is expiation for our sins." This has most often been explained by portraying Christ as our relentless defense lawyer and the savior who pacifies God's justifiable wrath by paying the price of human sin.

That point of view springs from and reinforces the insistence that crime deserves punishment and that people must pay for their sins. Such thinking supports everything from fines for traffic violations to mandatory sentencing norms and capital punishment.

Theologically, this thinking supports the idea that Jesus paid God off for human sin, so we are saved.

The trouble with that theory is that it is, at best, political or social, not theological. It flows from a theory of retributive justice and recompense for the offended. Applied to God, it demotes our divine lover to the level of a rule-bound authoritarian. Under that lens, this Scripture promulgates idolatry, portraying God in conformity with narrow, even petty, human norms.

Instead of allowing juridical theory to guide our theology, we would do better to think about God in light of what we know from Jesus. Then, we begin with an image of the Father who longs to draw humanity into the realm of pure love.

Interpreted in this light, we would understand 1 John to explain: "Jesus is the advocate God sends to sinners. He pleads with us on behalf of God who has limitless love and desire to be with us — and not only us, but the whole world."

This interpretation harmonizes with Peter's homily quoted in today's selection from Acts. Peter talks about who God is and what God does, as well as what the people themselves have done. His conclusion is essentially the same as we hear from 1 John: God, who knows you acted in ignorance, has taken the worst that could happen, transforming it into an offer of salvation. Peter invited his audience to metanoia, that transformation of mindset that leads to a new approach to life.

What happened in Jesus' resurrection is a matter of fact; its meaning and effects depend on interpretation. Moving through life, we can cling to our own points of view, or, like the disciples, we can allow ourselves to be confused enough for Jesus to open our minds to understand in new ways. Where might we expect to find the most reliable answers?

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

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Reminder: Bring your Missals Back To Mass

Because of Covid restrictions, Missals are not available in the pews and are available for parishioners to take home with them. You must bring them back with you for future masses. There is a limited supply of missals so please refrain from taking more than one copy for yourself.

Lighter Side

The Right Answer

During his children’s sermon, our assistant pastor asked the kids, "What is gray, has a bushy tail, and gathers nuts in the fall?"

One five-year-old raised his hand, "I know the answer should be Jesus," he began, "but it sounds like a squirrel to me."

A Good Sermon

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

– George Burns

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Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

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Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51–8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

It's so sad that lots of us can't go to mass with Fr. Kinney because of the covid virus. At the Sunday masses during this Easter Season Father Kinney goes up and down the aisle before mass carrying a beautiful crystal bowl filled with some of the holy water he has blessed before Mass. He dips a palm fan into the holy water and flings some of the holy water onto everyone in church giving everyone special blessings. Those of us close to the aisle get big drops of holy water but those further away get just little droplets. When the holy water hits us we make the sign of the cross and thank God for all the blessings. Being sprinkled with the holy water renews our baptismal blessings. After Mass that holy water is placed in the large holy water retainer in the back of the church which parishioners can use to refill their individual holy water bottles which in turn they can use in their anointments at home.

Some priests use a tall narrow silver fancy looking bucket called an **aspersorium** and a thing that looks like a magic wand called an **aspergillum** to sprinkle water onto people and other things for special blessings.

Either way we get sprinkled with holy water we are truly blessed to have Jesus as our friend and a priest to give us special blessings. Thank you, Jesus and Father Kinney! Happy 3rd Sunday of Easter everyone!



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