

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19.

Peter reminds his listeners of the part they have played in the death of Jesus, and offers them forgiveness if they repent.

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5.

John reminds us that Christ's sacrifice has taken away our sins and that God's love will be perfect in us if we keep his Word.

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48.

Christ gives evidence of his bodily presence and explains how his life, death and resurrection fulfill prophecy. His disciples are witnesses of this to all nations.



Points for Reflection

1. Because they had abandoned the Lord during his arrest, passion and death, **the apostles** most probably expected some words of complaint the first time Jesus appeared to them. They did not have the courage and the love to stand by their master when he needed them. But, in the **Gospel**, Jesus does not even mention what had happened, and, instead, takes the effort to prove that he is truly alive. He explains to the apostles what the prophets had spoken about him. He then gives them the mission to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. Fear has dominated the apostles. They had stayed together in a closed room, afraid of Jesus' enemies. Jesus summons them to face the light and be witnesses to all nations. This mission would lead them to distant lands and to encounter different peoples. In the course of their journey, they would discover that the Lord was accompanying them, giving them the wisdom, love and courage to be his faithful witnesses – to the very end.
2. **As far as we are concerned:**
 - Let us firstly remember that if we call ourselves Christians, it is precisely because we believe in the Risen Lord. What makes us true Christians is first of all our faith in the Risen Lord: a personal, vivid experience of the Risen Lord's presence in each one of us and among us.
 - Secondly, as Christians, we are sent to the world to be Christ's witnesses and to announce the Gospel of salvation to all men and women, so that all who hear the Gospel may believe and be converted to the Lord. Our mission springs out of Christ's resurrection. The Risen Christ, besides sending us, continually pours his Spirit on us to enable us to imitate him, so that our lives of love for our brethren and our commitment to them may be a constant appeal to the Gospel: a clear invitation to people to believe in Jesus and welcome him as their only Saviour.
 - Mission, therefore, is an important task of ours. Only through it will we discover that the message of Easter has really taken root in our lives. Without it, we will find ourselves in a "locked room", our faith a useless decoration, unable to effect a transformation in our lives.

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