

Third Sunday of Easter

‘You must tell everything that has happened.’

Today we hear a story about how Jesus showed himself to the disciples after the resurrection so that they could believe the good news that he was really alive again. He even eats some food to show them that he really is flesh and bone.

GOSPEL - Luke 24:35-48

The disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

While Jesus’ disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared to them and said, “May God give you peace!” They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said, “Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don’t have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it.

Jesus then asked them, “Do you have something to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish. He took it and ate it as they watched. Jesus said to them, “While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms had to

happen.” Then he helped them understand the Scriptures. He told them: “The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer, then three days later he will rise from death. They also say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, you must tell everything that has happened.

REFLECTING ON THE READINGS WITH THE CHILDREN –

Whai Whakaaro

- What did Jesus say to his followers when he appeared to them?
- What did he say the disciples must do?
- How do you think they would have felt after Jesus had said this to them?
- How do we feel when we are forgiven? How can we bring Jesus’ peace and forgiveness to others?
- How can you help to make your home a place of peace?
- When can Jesus be really present in your life?
- Have you ever felt God’s presence?

LITURGICAL ACTION – Ko te Ritenga Karakia

1 Pray the following prayer with the children:

Jesus, you bring us peace and forgiveness

All: For this we thank you

Jesus, you are holy and good

All: For this we praise you

Jesus, you lead us to life

All: For this we thank you

GO TELL EVERYONE
“THE GOOD NEWS”

