

# CONSUME

Acts 2:14, 36-41 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35

Entering the \_\_\_\_\_

On the \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

Not an issue of \_\_\_\_\_ but of \_\_\_\_\_

The real deal \_\_\_\_\_

Consuming \_\_\_\_\_

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

Once, when I was in Rome with a bunch of Catholic people who were heading to go to something the Pope was scheduled to appear at, we as a group were walking in some park there. Suddenly, the Popemobile was spotted in the distance and these people (young people) just took off running. The hilarity of my Lutheran self slow jogging after these Catholics (I didn't want to lose them) was not lost on me. Nor was the idea that formed briefly there – everyone knows who the guy in white is. But that guy doesn't know us. We're more faces and faces. Part of why this story from Luke's Gospel intrigues me is that Jesus listens and eats with these people. He knows them. His correction of them comes through in that relationship – it doesn't destroy the relationship, but expands it. Read Luke 24:13-35 again.

Reflect:

Jesus dwells with them. In a walk, in the meal. Part of the Christian belief is in a *personal* God – a God who knows and dwells with you. How do we communicate that? How do we share how Jesus is dwelling with us?

Imagine that you have a relationship with someone who is not a Christian. They ask you to explain your faith in Jesus. How does what Jesus does in this – more than just the moment of the death and resurrection, but also that – how would this event be a good entry into explaining what our faith is about? What do we learn?

Remember:

“They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’” Luke 24:32