

Easter 3B

During the Easter season our 1st reading is usually from Acts of the Apostles

Acts tells us what happened after the Resurrection

How did the early church grow – problems it encountered – experiences

Today the Gospel is from LK

LK wrote both the Gospel AND Acts

So today we have 1 author for 2 readings BUT we get 1 message

Even the 2nd reading from 1 JN 2 has the same theme

So let's look at the Gospel first

Road to Emmaus story –

Jesus walks along, explaining scripture & recognized in breaking the bread

LITURGY OF WORD & LITURGY OF EUCHARIST

The disciples return from this experience – back to the upper room – for THIS experience

Jesus appears in their midst

See my hands and feet

He eats a piece of fish

Explains the scriptures that – repentance and forgiveness of sin would be preached in His name

This was the reason Jesus came

That – repentance and forgiveness of sin would be preached in His name

Acts picks up after the Ascension

Peter and John are walking thru Jerusalem

A man, cripple from birth, is begging at the gate

“Gold and silver I have none, but what I do have I give to you, in the name of Jesus the Nazorean stand and walk” He does. Jumping and shouting and a crowd gathers, & Peter preaches.

“You crucified the author of life out of ignorance, Repent and be converted that your sin may be wiped away”

(did you notice it's the same message as the Gospel?)

(did you notice that Jesus said 'repentance and forgiveness of sin would be preached in His name')

GOOD NEWS – Sin can be wiped away

The early church preached repentance and forgiveness just like Jesus said in LK

WE STILL PREACH THE SAME MESSAGE

1 John 2 – end of the 1st Century – 100 years after death of JC

Don't sin – BUT if you do we have an advocate

Same message – repent and be forgiven

This Good News – this Gospel message – is just as applicable today as it was in the 1st Century

Jesus came that repentance and forgiveness would be preached in His name

We SHOULD avoid sin – BUT

When we do sin we have an advocate in heaven interceding for us

Repent – that YOUR sins may be wiped away

Look within and repent – AND BELIEVE