

## **REPENT AND TURN TO GOD**

Acts 3:13-19 1John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

You would think that after seeing Jesus, risen from the dead, the apostles would be changed men, transformed, ready to publicly give testimony to Jesus' resurrection!

Actually, as Luke tells us in his Gospel, they thought of seeing a ghost.

They were terrified, and did not know what to make of it. Most likely we would have reacted the same way.

Jesus reassured them over and over again: "Peace be with you. Do not be afraid. It is I. Touch me and see. Do you have anything to eat? They gave him a piece of broiled fish." (Luke 24:36-43)

During the forty days, from the day of his resurrection to the day of his ascension to heaven, Jesus continued to teach and prepare the apostles, while appearing to them in his glorious resurrected body.

Only after they received the Holy Spirit they were filled with enough zeal and courage to preach openly that Jesus had risen from the dead, and that eternal life is for everyone who believes in him.

Many people today, even among Catholics, have difficulty believing that Jesus is truly risen from the dead, that he lives and that he will come again at the end of times to judge not only the living, but also the dead, whose body will be resurrected by the power of the same Spirit that rose Jesus from the tomb.

As the apostle Peter urged the crowd in today's Book of Acts, we are also urged to "repent and turn to God so that our sins may be wiped out" (Acts 3:19).

**MAY THIS EASTER SEASON HELP US REMEMBER THAT WE ARE CHRISTIANS BECAUSE JESUS IS ALIVE, AND OUR LIFE SHOULD GIVE TESTIMONY TO THIS TRUTH.**