

Easter Octave: Thursday

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On this Easter Day, know the effects of the Resurrection...

Peter and John are able to heal, just like Jesus did.

They are able to draw crowds to themselves, just like Jesus did.

They are able to speak a confident word about the actions they perform and they do not take credit... it is not an ego trip for them ... it is the Risen Lord working in them and through them, just as Jesus was always pointing to the Father.

They turn to Jesus' first words that he spoke in his public ministry, "Repent and believe." This becomes the Apostle's call for all people to find release from sin and refreshment of grace in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

And he effects of the Resurrection in the Gospel today...

The disciples from Emmaus have explained their story, only it doesn't take a whole lot of explanation – Jesus steps into their midst.

Their reaction is so human... startled, terrified... they thought they were seeing a ghost.

Jesus' reaction so divine... the offering of peace. And his reaction is so human... I'm hungry. It is all to say that there is nothing ghost-like here and nothing to be startled about or terrified over. He is Jesus – alive and with them again.

Do you want to know the effects of the Resurrection in your life today? Two ways:

One, hear his ongoing call for peace to settle into every problem and pain, into every issue and aspect of your life... hear him speak of a peace that goes deep and settles in to make a home. His voice offering peace, hear it as a prayer spoken into your life today.

The second way, while for us he is both risen and ascended, he also remains... not in a startling way or in a terrifying way... but in a way that is about presence. Offer the words of the Emmaus disciples as your prayer today, "Stay with us." And know that he will.