



# For Further Study



Read and meditate on the passage below:

*41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. (Luke 24:41-43)*

These verses come from the gospel according to Luke after Jesus’ death and resurrection. Jesus appears to his disciples in Jerusalem, probably while they are in hiding and confusion about what all has happened. Jesus shows up to express concern for them, to empathize with their struggles, and to help them process his death and resurrection.

The disciples are struggling to believe what they are seeing. Jesus is with them. He is dead. How could he be sitting with them in the room? Luke tells us that the disciples are filled with joy and amazement as they try to figure all of this out. It is a lot for them to process. Their emotions are all over the place.

So, Jesus turns to a natural, human action; he asks for something to eat. Jesus likely had eaten with his disciples hundreds of meals throughout the years of their shared ministry. Doing something that is common or normative can be very comforting in a time of great stress, so Jesus asks for food. This also may be a way of reminding the disciples of some of the most meaningful times that they ate together, such as the Passover meal in the upper room before his death. Jesus ate some fish (and likely some bread), which would have been similar to the meal they shared in the feeding of the multitude. He is helping them connect the dots...



## REFLECTION:

Think about special gatherings at meals in your life and what made them so important to you.

## PRACTICE:

Cook a meal and share it with family members/ friends as well as someone in need.