

**Faith in the Home, Sermon Notes and Applications for the Home  
Third Sunday of Easter, Luke 24:36-49. "Have You Anything Here to Eat?"**

In Luke's account of Jesus' resurrection, when Jesus appears He asks for something to eat. This piece of information could easily be used as Biblical trivia question. "In what Gospel Account did Jesus ask for something to eat after He arose from the dead?" Or, "What did Jesus eat after His resurrection according to Luke?" Finally, "How was the fish cooked that Jesus ate after His resurrection?" Obviously, there is something more substantial going here. Here are just a few things that make Jesus eating significant:

1. Jesus ate a piece of fish to prove to His disciples that He was really alive. It seems simple but what do living people do? They eat. In fact, in Luke 8, when Jesus raises Jairus' daughter from the dead, Jesus directs her parents to give her something to eat. The disciples are not seeing some vision of Jesus, but they are seeing Jesus in the flesh alive. If you someone alive who you knew was previously dead you would have struggle to believe in something that seems too good to be true.

2. The disciples were not seeing Jesus' spirit alone, or even a ghost, but they were seeing Jesus' human body alive and raised from the dead. This is significant because it is really common for people to believe that souls/spirits are immortal, but our material bodies are not. Some would even say that death is the process in which a purified soul breaks free from the imperfect physical broken world. This belief is central to Gnosticism which in some variations is still something that is not uncommon. What is very common, is people trying to explain what the disciples must have seen without conceding their testimony that they indeed saw Jesus alive and raised from the dead. This account demonstrates that every part of us that is living will be raised again. This leads to the next point....

3. Jesus did not only come just to take faithful souls to heaven, after they earthly body died. He died and rose to restore all of creation. There was food in the Garden of Eden meant to be consumed before the fall. There will be food after the resurrection of our bodies. Life, especially eternal life goes on.

4. I may not have covered every significant application, but perhaps the one that means the most to all us is that this more evidence that Jesus really, conquered death. There is hope in our grief. We miss loved ones who have died. We also don't have to fear death and Hell. Jesus grants us eternal life, and to Him, death is only like falling asleep at night or taking a nap in the afternoon. In Luke 8, before raising Jairus' daughter from the dead, Jesus astonished the crowd in Jairus' home by saying, "She is not dead, but asleep."

5. The resurrection into eternal life granted from God, means that our lives here have purpose that is not in vain. God is doing something for you, with you, and through you in this world. The meaning and purpose of that doesn't end with your death. Your life will be raised and it will live eternally in the new creation where we will dwell with our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.