



As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:28-32
NRSV

“Grace at the Table”

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“Of all the things he could’ve chosen to be done ‘in remembrance’ of him, Jesus chose a meal.” – Tish Harrison Warren (*Liturgy of the Ordinary*)

Why a meal?

Jesus _____ to share in the Passover meal with his disciples.

Jesus chose _____ elements – bread and wine – to represent his presence as a _____ reminder.

Hunger reminds us of our _____.

“The Eucharist – our gathered meal of thanksgiving for life, death and resurrection of Christ – transforms each humble meal into a moment to recall that we receive all of life, from soup to salvation, by grace.”

- Tish Harrison Warren

The table is _____ and the table is _____.

When we share a meal we are _____ with Christ and one another.

If I invite you for tea, we’re friends. If I invite you for food, we’re family.

-Turkish proverb

The Problem

Jesus chose _____ to be a time of sacred remembrance, but in the midst of our everyday life we reduce something _____ to something

- The average American eats _____ in every five meals in a car.
- One in _____ Americans eats at least one fast food meal every day.
- The majority of American families report eating a single meal together less than _____ days a week.

Action Steps

- Share a _____.
- _____ Christ’s sacrifice and _____ God’s grace.
- _____ someone new to the table.