

John 19,20  
Encountering the Risen Jesus in the Ordinary

The early Disciples Encountered Jesus

- Care - John 19:24-30 - Jesus, from the agony of the cross, showed tremendous Care for his mother.
- Conversation - John 20:11-18 - The Risen Jesus has a very personal Conversation with Mary Magdalene
- Gives - John 20:19-23 - The Risen Jesus Gives the Holy Spirit and Life to his disciples.
- Nourishes - John 20:24-28 - The Risen Jesus Nourishes Thomas' Faith in a very personal way.

Today, we encounter the Risen Jesus just as truly as the early disciples. We encounter him in ways that may seem *Ordinary*. Though we do not physically see him, he still:

- Cares for us - John 20:29 - The Risen Jesus shows great Care for us, that he would bless us, as we do not see, and yet believe in him.
- Converses with us - John 20:30,31 - The Risen Jesus Converses with us, through his word, the scriptures. This Gospel account was recorded by John, an eyewitness, so that we may believe.
- Gives to us - John 20:30,31 - "that by believing you may have life in his name." If you believe in Jesus, it is because he has breathed his Holy Spirit upon you and Given you new life. See John 3:1-15
- Nourishes us - Like Jesus nourished Thomas' faith, by letting him see his hands and side, he Nourishes our faith through communion, his broken body and shed blood.

Often, the ordinary quickly becomes mundane and impersonal. However, with the risen Jesus, the ordinary encounters we have with him through His word, His people, His Spirit, His life, His Communion are anything but mundane or impersonal.

*This Easter, may we Encounter the Risen Jesus in the Ordinary!*