

The logo for the Sunday of the Word of God

The Disciples

"Two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus" (Lk 24:13). In the two disciples, Luke captures the face of all believers. Attention to the mutuality between masculine and feminine, which is found throughout the writings of Luke, has led some exegetes to see them as a couple, identifying the anonymous disciple as the wife of Cleopas.

The Risen One

With discretion, Jesus places himself on our path, 'puts himself in the middle', living our history, our questions. He questions and listens to those who keep it in the silence of their hearts: "Jesus him self came up and walked by their side" (Lk 24:16).

The Light

As the sun sets, another light warms the hearts of the disciples: the light of the Word. In the Eucharistic act there is full communion with the Master: "And their eyes were opened and they recognised him" (Lk 24:31).

The Star

Pointed to by the Risen One, it is the sign of Evangelisation: "Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread." (Lk 24:35).



The Scroll

In the dialogue between the Old and New Testaments the mystery of salvation is revealed. "Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages through out the scriptures that were about himself." (Lk 24:27).

The Feet

The Risen One shares the steps of man and the power of his Word; he knows how to point them in the right direction because "Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path." (Ps 118:105). For this, "that same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem" (Lk 24:33).

The Walking Stick

Weak and insecure like all human certainties, it expresses the frailty of the disciples who "stopped short, their faces downcast" (Lk 24:17). The Risen One gives them strength with the Word "cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely... it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts." (Heb 4:12).