

Flesh & Bones



We know from the Gospels that at table with the Risen Christ we find a variety of food: grilled fish, bread and much more. Caravaggio, in his well-known Supper at Emmaus, has included wine, meat and even a basket full of fruits. Yet, the "flesh and bones" mentioned by the Risen Lord do not refer to the food on the table or the left overs!

Our body is made of "flesh and bones". Our life is 'fleshy' indeed; we go through a lot, ups and downs, intense and tough moments, events at times not so easy to digest and to accept. Our life is also full of 'bones', edgy and sharp sides, the root of many hurts and wounds, accidents along the way, fragilities and broken pieces.

The Resurrection is not to move away from the fragility and the intensity of our life. The Resurrection is not a sort of abstract appendix to the real book which is our life.

The Risen Lord has "flesh and bones", which means that his New Life is lived in the reality of who he is and within his own history.

This is the Good News of these 50 days of Easter. There is no part of our life - no small tiny 'bone' or piece of 'flesh' - which is not to live the Resurrection and experience a New Life. Everything, everything in our life, is called to be RISEN and be GLORIFIED.

During these 50 days of Easter do not throw away the "flesh & bones" in your life which you cannot digest or find too painful to carry. Do not run away from your reality and from your history, because it is there, exactly there, that you will experience Resurrection. What we have sung at the Easter Vigil remains still true: "things of heaven are wed to those of earth and divine to the human". Yes, your "flesh & bones" are called to be wedded with the Holy Spirit, and the life of heaven to be lived in your humanity.

Oh Blessed Eastertime, ALLELUIA!

In manus.

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