

Reflection:

1. How has the Eucharist come alive to you?
2. Can you think of a moment when that happened?
3. How has the Eucharist changed your life?

What the Eucharist Meant to Jesus: Some Scripture Passages from the Gospel of Luke

The Eucharist has to be understood in light of all the other meals Jesus celebrated. For example:

- ❖ Jesus came for those who needed healing – Luke 5:29-32
- ❖ The meal was a place where Jesus could teach the priority of love over etiquette and correctness – Luke 7:36-50)
- ❖ The meal was the time when Jesus acknowledged that it bothered him when people got hungry, in body and in spirit, and that he wanted to fill them – Luke 9:10-17
- ❖ Jesus seemed to know that real life issues have a way of surfacing during a meal – Luke 11:37-54
- ❖ When we come to the table, do we vie for the best seat or are we concerned that everyone has a place to sit? Luke 14:7-11
- ❖ Who gets invited to our tables: those who can repay us or boost our status or sometimes the poor and the outcast, the lonely and the burdened? Luke 14:12-14
- ❖ Jesus threw light on the meaning of salvation as he invited Zacchaeus, the ruthless senior tax collector, to dine with him – Luke 19:1-10
- ❖ The meal was the resting place along the road when Jesus could talk with his disciples about all that he had taught – Luke 24:13-35
- ❖ The meal was the way Jesus revealed a God who washes our feet, the best example of how Jesus wanted us to live – John 13:1-15