

Have you gone to a gathering and someone unexpected was there? Our first expression is, "What are you doing here"? It's a bit like this in Luke's story. In Luke, this is another account of Jesus after His resurrection. Talk was now happening that others had seen Jesus. This was how Luke was expressing what he saw and felt. He tells us Jesus said, "Why do doubts arise in your hearts, touch me and see that I am not a spirit, give me fish to eat." But how do we touch Jesus now, how do we know he lives? It is not easy, sometimes, when troubles come and the journey of our faith seems to be a hard road, because we are human and pain and struggle and doubt come knocking. The disciples felt this too. Jesus never promised faith to be an easy road, but he came to the disciples in their desperate hope and helped them to believe.

*You gave me room when I was in distress.*

*The LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.*

Jesus meets us as real people, he sees our hurts, our anger, and our failures and he sees within our hearts the hope we have to be safe in him, to want his approval that we are God's Children and as God's children to know He is proud of us. The disciples must have gone through all these emotions, shut up in a room wondering what would happen next. They were not trying to do anything to prove themselves good or to win God's favour. Then Jesus was there and he said, "Peace be with you," but how many days did they wait until that happened? The thing is, they did wait, and against the facts that said all was lost. Jesus meets us, too, in our hour of need, as we pray and ask him to be in our human struggles. Then one day we will realise that he has indeed shown us his wounds, given us His peace.