

“With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him.” In the gospel of Luke, we learn about the events after the Resurrection of our Lord. We read about two disciples who fail to recognize our Lord until it's too late. Like these two disciples, we often fail to recognize Jesus in our lives. Here are a few ways we can recognize Jesus.

There are many ways we can recognize Jesus in our lives, physical and spiritual. I can recognize physically through the Eucharist, The true presence of Jesus in the world that we can receive every day. When I receive the Eucharist, I know Jesus is there present with me. I can also see Jesus in people. When I see people doing the right thing without needing people to see, I know Jesus is guiding that person. I can see “The face of God” in them. I also know when Jesus is present spiritually. When I am really praying, concentrating, I know that Jesus is present. When we pray, we are having a conversation with God. When I know that Jesus is present, I am shown what is right.

In my life, there are many times where I forget to recognize Jesus. When I do not recognize Jesus in my life, I am being ignorant and selfish. Also, when I fail to recognize Jesus, I do the wrong thing. But when I can see Jesus I always do the right thing.

There are different things I can do in my life to help recognize Christ. In order to be more aware of Jesus, I have to grow closer to God. One way I can grow closer to God is through prayer. Prayer strengthens our relationship with God. Another way I can grow closer to God is through the mass. When I go to mass, I am able to receive Jesus, also strengthening my relationship with God. One more way I can recognize Jesus is through the sacraments, especially

penance. In penance, Jesus enlightens me, and clears my soul. These are a few ways that help me recognize Jesus.

Like the disciples, many of us need to recognize Jesus more. This Gospel teaches us about two people who fail to recognize our Lord standing right in front of them. We are like those disciples, failing to see the most obvious. But when we succeed to see Jesus Christ, we do what Jesus wants from us. This Gospel is a great teaching for us on how to find our Lord.