

# Luke 24:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Jesus revealed in breaking bread: 'And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.' At dinner, Jesus 'took bread' (λαβὼν τὸν ἄρτον, labōn ton arton), 'blessed it' (εὐλόγησεν, eulogēsen), 'brake' (κλάσας, klasas), and 'gave to them' (ἐπεδίδου αὐτοῖς, epedidou autois). This sequence echoes the Last Supper (22:19) and the feeding miracles (9:16). The familiar actions triggered recognition—these were distinctively Jesus' gestures. This teaches that Christ reveals Himself through Word (Scripture exposition, vv. 25-27) and sacrament (breaking bread). The pattern establishes Christian worship's structure: Word proclaimed and table shared. Christ meets His people in both.

## Historical Context

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The breaking of bread has profound significance. First, it connects to the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted Communion. Second, it demonstrates that the risen Christ has physical body capable of eating—He's not mere spirit but resurrected flesh. Third, it reveals Christ's presence in ordinary meals—He transforms common food into sacred encounter. Fourth, it establishes liturgical pattern: Word and sacrament together communicate Christ. The disciples' eyes opened during bread-breaking (v. 31) suggests Christ is both revealed and hidden in Eucharist—physically present yet requiring faith to recognize. This scene influenced Christian practice: from earliest times, believers gathered for Scripture reading and Communion (Acts 2:42, 20:7, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' breaking bread connect to the Last Supper and establish Communion's significance?
2. What does this teach about Christ revealing Himself through both Word and sacrament?
3. How should this narrative shape Christian worship's structure and content?

## Interlinear Text

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And it came to pass as G3588 sat at meat he with  
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αὐτοῖς· λαβὼν τὸν ἄρτον εὐλόγησεν καὶ κλάσας  
he he took G3588 bread and blessed And brake  
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ἐπεδίδον αὐτοῖς·  
and gave he  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 14:19** (Blessing): And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

**Luke 24:35** (Parallel theme): And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

**Matthew 15:36** (Parallel theme): And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

**Luke 9:16** (Blessing): Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

**Acts 27:35** (Parallel theme): And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

**Mark 14:22** (Blessing): And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

**Mark 8:6** (Parallel theme): And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.

**John 6:11** (Parallel theme): And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

**Luke 22:19** (Parallel theme): And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.