

**April 27, 2020-Monday, Third Week of Easter**

**Andrew the Apostle**

St. Andrew worked as a fisherman in the town of Bethsaida in Galilee. At first, he was a disciple of St. John the Baptist, but later he followed Jesus and encouraged his brother, Simon Peter, to also become a disciple of Jesus.

After the death of Jesus, Andrew is thought to have served as a missionary in Greece and Russia. However, it is unknown exactly where he preached or where he died.

Legend suggests he died in Patras, which today is Greece's third largest city.

His feast day is November 30.

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Legend says that Andrew was tied to an X-shaped cross (also called a saltire cross) to prolong his suffering. It is said that he died after two days.

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Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland (which includes his X-shaped cross on its national flag), Greece and Russia. His cross also adorns the state flag of Alabama. He is also the patron saint of fishermen.

*Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.*

(Luke 24:13-16)

When Jesus died on Friday, the disciples thought he had left them. He was gone. This was shattering to them. They had depended so much upon him. He taught them, led them, gave them courage.

And now he had left them.

What they didn't know was that Jesus had gone through death to the other side, and now was free of all the restrictions on this side of death.

Now the risen Lord could be with them even more closely.

From Easter Sunday onward, they gradually discovered this. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus discovered that Jesus was with them when they read the Scriptures together and when they broke bread.

It's what Simon Peter discovered when the risen Lord appeared to him, and the disciples also began to catch on that the Lord was with them in a new way.

Have I discovered that the risen Christ is here with me today?

Spend some quiet time with the Lord