

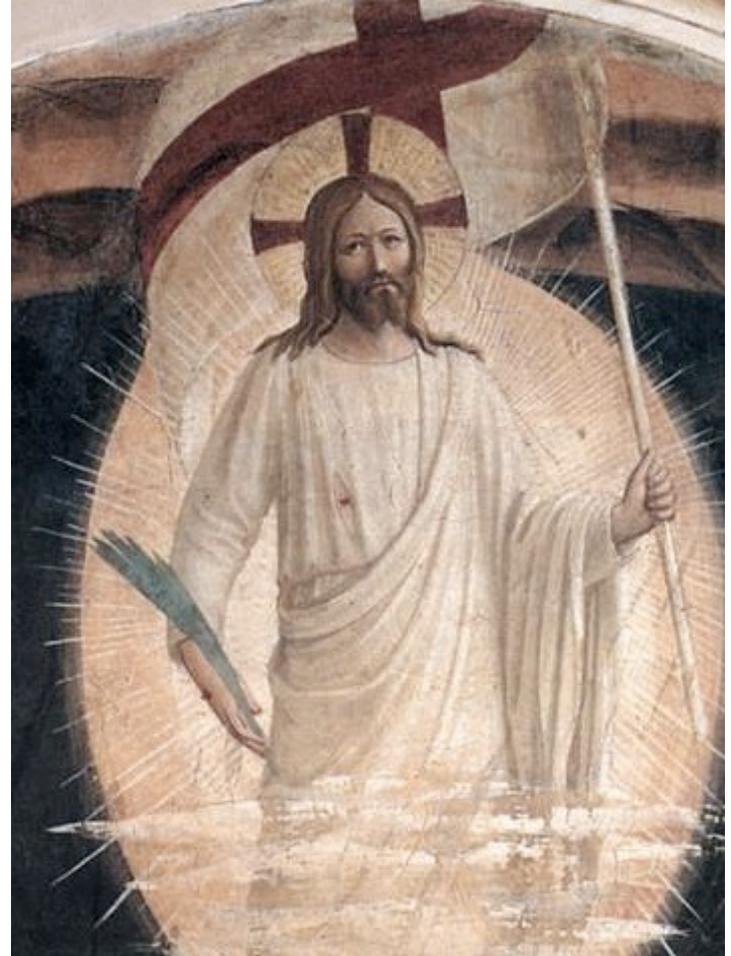
## Discussion Questions

1. What are the different ways that Jesus is present to us, according to these passages?

2. What things cause us to lose awareness of Christ's presence in our lives, in these different dimensions?

3. How can we become more aware of Christ's risen presence in our lives?

## THE RISEN PRESENCE OF CHRIST



## The Presence of Christ in Scripture

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel’ (which means, God with us).” —Mt 1:22-23

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” —Mt 18:20

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. . . Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” —Mt 25:35,36, 40

“This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. . . This chalice is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” —1 Cor 11:24 & 25

“Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

—Lk 24:35

“I am with you always, to the close of the age.” Mt 28:20

“‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ And he said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting?’” —Acts 9:4-5

“And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you. . .” —Acts 18:9

“Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?”

—2 Cor 13:5

“...that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

—Eph 3:16-19

“For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

—Heb 4:15-16

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.” —2 Cor 1:5