

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Apr 27th 2012

“Flesh and blood” means the full presence and reality of a person. “Eat my flesh and drink my blood,” he said. “But, but...” is what we have heard people say through the ages as at the beginning. To eat is to assimilate completely: your food is in your stomach, but on its way to becoming you. We are invited to assimilate deeply the full presence and reality of Christ. When you become knotted up in technical ifs and buts about how Christ is present in the Eucharist, just cut the knot and go back to the basic meaning. Jesus himself gave no explanation when asked.

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