

Sermon Discussion Questions - April 28, 2024

Scripture Passages:

Luke 24:34 . . . "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

Luke 24:36 And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said.

Luke 24:37 But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

Philippians 3:21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

Jeremiah 32:17 "O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!"

Romans 8:11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

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Luke 2:29–30 "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation

Luke 7:50 . . . "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 24:38–39 "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."

Colossians 1:20 ...and through him, God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Discussion:

- 1. Has there been a time in your life when you believed but couldn't understand? Is there an area in your life like this now?
- 2. Jesus's resurrection points to YOUR resurrection. We have a resurrected body in our future. What does that mean to you?
- 3. What do you think would change if you invited Jesus daily into your life? If you already do that, what changes do you find?
- 4. Read Luke 7:50. Does your salvation give you peace? How and how not? Are the areas in which you'd say you don't have peace? Are they linked to where you believe but don't understand?
- 5. Have you ever experienced a season when life should've knocked you out, but the faith of sufficiency gave you unexplainable peace?

Next Steps:

Pastor Tom ended his message with:

In this new place of faith, we stop pressing our case with God. We stop trying to get God to make everything right. Once we see God as present, we can let go of our desperation. We can now trust that whatever needs to be taken care of, will be taken care of. What I am suggesting is there is a place where we can rest in the all-sufficiency of God. As the hymn writer put it, "There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God." So where are you?

Faith Proper—follow all the rules.

Faith of Desperation—change our circumstances
Faith of Sufficiency—God is with us

Where do you find yourself in your faith? What do you think God is calling you to next in your faith?