

The 3rd Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 4, 2025

“Risen Indeed! ~ Four Words”

Luke 24:36-49

#1. A Word of _____.

“As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (Luke 24:36)

peace = *shalom* =

To wish someone peace is to wish them the fullest of God’s _____ of harmony and prosperity. This is interesting, given the fact that after His arrest in the garden, all the disciples scattered and _____ Him.

When we mess up, when we fail Him, when we wander from the path and fall into sin, Jesus doesn’t _____ us; He doesn’t say, “I told you so!” He doesn’t rub our noses in our failure. Instead, He shows us _____, and wishes us peace.

“Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.” (John 8:11)

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27)

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” (Colossians 1:19-20)

We can have a _____ peace—peace with God, peace within ourselves, and peace with each other—only because of the _____ work of Jesus on the cross; only because He died and rose again.

Jesus is a Saviour who speaks peace to sinners, and this _____ spirit is on full display here. He could have recounted in excruciating detail every _____ of the disciples’ hearts, however, after everything that has happened, He stands among them, and His word to them is, “Peace.”

Jesus knows everything there is to know about our _____: the good, the bad, and the ugly. He knows everything that ought to _____ us and He still says, “Peace be with you.”

“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.” (Ephesians 2:14)

Where do you need to know the peace of the risen Jesus in your life this Easter season?

#2. A Word of _____.

Instead of being _____ or angry at their unbelief, or chastising them for their lack of faith, He gives them exactly what they _____...

“Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” (Luke 24:38-39)

Jesus doesn’t ask the disciples to believe Him in _____ of their senses, but offers them the _____ that they needed in order to believe, that, despite their fear, He was real. Luke tells us that even after offering this proof, the disciples still didn’t _____.

“And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marvelling...” (Luke 24:41)

Their hearts were beginning to _____; they were beginning to believe that Jesus was really risen from the dead and standing in front of them, but at the same time, they were “disbelieving for joy;” It was just too _____ to be true.

In doing this, Jesus is _____ to their need for proof because they’re struggling to believe; and at the same time, attesting to the _____ of His resurrection.

He always meet people where they’re _____, both physically and spiritually, offering them exactly what they need to come to _____ or strengthen their belief.

The resurrection of Jesus is the _____ event of our faith, it’s the foundation of our living _____ and new birth, and Jesus wants us to experience it, understand it, and _____ it.

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

“That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:10-11)

In what area of your life do you need confirmation; to know and experience the power of Jesus’ resurrection?

#3. A Word of _____.

It’s not only important that the disciples believe in the resurrection, but that they understand that what had happened was in the Scriptures and had already been taught to them by Jesus; that it wasn’t an _____, but was part of God’s _____

for the salvation of the world all along.

“These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you.” (Luke 24:44)

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that ‘the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’” (Luke 24:5-7)

“Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day...’” (Luke 24:45-46)

He’s opening the disciples’ minds to what He’s already taught them; and now they can finally see and _____ it.

This is why it’s so important to _____ and ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds before we read scripture—so that what we’re reading is more than just words on a page, but the living and active Word of God, that’s sharper than a two-edged sword.

In order to do this, we need to _____ to God’s Word, we need to put ourselves under its _____ everyday, so that through it, the Holy Spirit can not only open our minds more and more to the truth of God, but also do the work of _____ within us that He wants to do.

“This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.” (Acts 2:23)

The cross wasn’t a divine _____, nor was it just the solution to sin, it was part of God’s _____, eternal plan of love, executed with divine precision and revealed in the fullness of time.

Do you have clarity about the resurrection?

Do you understand why Jesus came and everything that He did for you?

#4. A Word of _____.

“You are witnesses of these things.” (Luke 24:48)

Jesus is giving the disciples a mandate for _____; He’s commissioning them to be _____ to the nations.

As the long-awaited Messiah of Israel, Jesus didn’t come to be the King of the Jews only, but to be the _____ King. He came to lay down His life and to bring salvation to _____ people—from every tribe, language, race, and nation.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)

“Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” (Acts 10:34-35)

It wasn’t Jesus’ intention that the disciples complete this mission in their own _____.

“Behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you.” (Luke 24:49)

“While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This,’ he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’” (Acts 1:4-5)

The _____ is the promise of the Father that will be poured out on the disciples 50 days after the resurrection on the Day of Pentecost.

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law having become a curse for us...in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:13-14)

God says to Abraham, “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12: 2-3)

This is important to understand because a central part of being a disciple and follower of Jesus is to want others to _____ Him too.

God desires all people to be _____, and His saving grace in Christ is extended to all humanity, not a _____ few. And it’s our job—our calling, our mission, or mandate—to go and tell people.

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, and God is making his appeal through us.” (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Who do you need to tell about Jesus?

Where is God sending you in this season of your life to share the good news?