

Responsive Reading: Acts 10:37-43

The words of St. Peter

Leader: *You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—*

Congregation: *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

Leader: *"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree,*

Congregation: *but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.*

Leader: *He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

Congregation: *He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.*

Leader: *All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*



FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL
Message #35
John 20:1-31

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Jesus' Resurrection

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

THE EMPTY TOMB

John 20:1-9

What did John believe?
Jesus' body had _____

JESUS APPEARS TO MARY

John 20:10-18

Easter is realizing - that Jesus is _____!

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

John 20:19-31; Genesis 2:7; 1 John 1:9

Why did Jesus show His disciples His hands & side?
To reveal that He was _____

Why did Jesus appear to the disciples? (21-23)
To give them _____

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness - 1 John 1:9

Community Group Homework

For the week of April 12, 2009

Welcome to the Spring Quarter!

This 8 week quarter will conclude the week of May 31st. This is our first week back together, so the homework has been abbreviated. Take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great quarter!

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of Scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What was Easter like for you as a child?
2. Why do non-Christians celebrate Christmas & Easter?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read about the Ark of the Covenant in Exodus 25:10- 22.

This is the ark portrayed in the movie, "Raiders of the Lost Ark." (Cherubim are a type of an angel) Between the Cherubim's outspread wings, on the top of the Ark, they formed the throne of God. The place His glory dwelt.

4. Now read John 20:12. Do you think where these angels are standing is coincidental or intentional?

5. Read:

- * John 7:39
- * John 14:16-17, 26
- * John 15:26
- * John 16:7-8, 13

Do you think John 20:22 is the fulfillment of these verses?

How is this different from what happens in Acts 2:1-4?

Which event is Luke 24:49 a fulfillment of; Luke 22 or Acts 2?

TAKING IT HOME

Where could you use Jesus' peace right now:

In some relationship? In some inner fear? In your work?

Read about Thomas' reaction to Jesus in John 20:24-28. What doubts or questions about God are you struggling with?

What has convinced you of who Jesus is?

Reflect on John 20:29 and record what it makes you think.