

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Living Among the Dead

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: If you could choose your dreams, what would you prefer to dream about?

Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Outline:

- I. Easter Gives Victory (Luke 24:1-8)
 - a. Easter gives us victory over death. Christ rose from the grave and conquered death. The promise is that those who are in Christ will now one day rise from our graves
 - b. That because Christ rose, his victory is now your victory
Q: What does it mean to you that we now have victory over death because of what Jesus has done?
- II. Easter Gives Meaning (Luke 24:9-11)
 - a. The disciples have disbelief that Jesus has risen when the women come back to tell them. We too have that option to believe that Jesus never rose. Either He rose and everything changed, or he didn't and everything is silliness.
 - b. Because Christ rose, your life matters. Because Christ rose, what you do with your life matters. Because Christ rose, you're invited into a story where you can experience what true life really is.
Q: What does it mean for you to choose to believe that Jesus rose
- III. Easter Gives Hope (Luke 24:12)
 - a. Peter believes and acts right away after he heard what the women told him
 - b. Because Jesus rose, even the horrors of war cannot crush those who have the hope of eternity with him. Find your hope, meaning, and victory in Him who has conquered death.
Q: How can we respond like Peter?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) How can you act right away after hearing and remembering what Jesus has done for you?
- 2) What is the victory that we now have because of Jesus?
- 3) How are we given a choice to believe?
- 4) Easter gives us Hope in the midst of trial, so how can you lean into that reality more everyday?

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for what you have done for us. For sending your beloved son to be crucified for us. Though we are not worthy to inherit the kingdom of heaven, you sacrifice your son so that creation and humanity can be restored through victory over death in you. We thank you for the meaning that this gives our life and we pray that we would be transformed by the reality of your love and sacrifice for us. Because of you we have Hope. Because of you we have Peace. Because of you we are Forgiven and loved. Teach us to live in the reality of your unending love. ~Amen