

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Jesus' Appearance to the Disciples in Jerusalem

Scripture: **Luke 24:36–49**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, September 27, 2020

OVERVIEW

Jesus' unexpected appearance to the disciples frightens them because they think that they are seeing a ghost, but Jesus makes it clear that this is not the case. He offers evidence that he is truly alive! He could have rebuked or shamed them for breaking their promises of faith, but he asks of their troubles and speaks a word of comfort and peace. Jesus gave peace in his life, purchased peace in his death, and promised peace upon his resurrection. Not only peace, but power. The disciples were given a commission to preach the gospel but could not do it in their own strength. So Jesus promises the Holy Spirit, the power from on high. **The resurrected Christ promises peace and power to those who trust in Him.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

John 20:19; 2 Corinthians 2; 1 Corinthians 13; Isaiah 53; Psalm 16:9; John 3:18; Acts 4; 17:30; Acts 1:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus asks his disciples, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" How is this comforting? [*We have a Savior who knows what troubles our hearts.*]
2. As Jesus appears to the disciples, he again speaks peace to those who broke their promises of faith. This is how Jesus appears to us as well—not with a word of judgement, but of grace. How does this change the way you perceive God's heart towards you?
3. Travell read this quote from J.C. Ryle "He is far more willing to forgive than men are to be forgiven, and far more ready to pardon than men are to be pardoned." How have you been encouraged this week as you have been reminded of God's grace toward you?
4. Jesus demonstrates boundless patience with his disciples. How patient are you with yourself and with others who are learning about Jesus?
5. Jesus told his disciples that "repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations." Why is repentance not a popular topic in our culture?
6. All Christians are called to preach the gospel but the power in preaching or evangelizing has nothing to do with us. There is no power in us. What has Christ promised to help us? [*power from on high*]