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Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - April 29, 2012

Sermon

Jesus' Resurrection

Appearances:

"Jesus Talks with Peter"

John 21:15-19

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 4/30/12

John 21:15

This resurrection appearance of Jesus has him talking with Peter and he asks him a question. Was Peter talking to a ghost? Could he actually see Jesus standing there asking him a question? Remember, Jesus was supposed to be dead. Nothing in this passage suggests that Peter was talking to Jesus in any way differently than he had before the crucifixion. Note, too, that Jesus calls Peter by name. You do know that Jesus knows your name, too, right? Talk to him today.

Tuesday 5/1/12

John 21:15

Why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved him more than this? What did he mean by this question? This question would have immediately taken Peter back to that point in time when he denied even knowing Jesus. Oh, the dread and anguish of that horrible memory! Peter would just as soon forget those details and move on, but Jesus brings it all back up with this question. Our past sins are important, too, and cannot be forgotten. Do you have any sins that need to be forgiven?

Wednesday 5/2/12

John 21:16

Jesus repeats his question to Peter a second time. Didn't Jesus hear Peter's answer? Is the resurrected Jesus more hard of hearing than the physical Jesus? No, everything Jesus did and everything Jesus said he did so with a purpose. What about you? Do you do things in your life with a purpose? Note, too, that Jesus commands Peter to feed his sheep. This is an important and vital command. We are called to feed Jesus' sheep, too. How are we doing this successfully in our church?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

What customs or traditions do I celebrate at Christmas?

What makes Christmas special to me?

How can I spread some Christmas cheer to someone else this year?

Thursday 5/3/12
John 21:17

Yet a third time, Jesus asks the same question. Now Peter could not avoid the fact that he denied the Lord three times. Three times! Jesus made his point. Peter was grieved as he remembered his sin. Do you love Jesus? Will Jesus have to ask you a second or third time if you love him? Does your love show forth in deed and service? Peter answered that Jesus knows all things. Do you believe this? Is there anything in your life that Jesus doesn't know? Does any of this grieve you? Pray to God right now for forgiveness.

Friday 5/4/12
John 21:18

This statement from Jesus to Peter sounds kinda harsh and restricting, doesn't it? We are all growing old whether we like it or not. And as we grow older and older there are limitations we experience. We cannot get around as quickly as we used to. My dad used to say, "Growing old isn't for sissies!" How do you think Peter felt when he heard these words? How do you feel when you hear these words?

Saturday 5/5/12
John 21:19

Jesus said the previous statement because he knew the kind of death that Peter would eventually die. He would die a martyr's death. Jesus followed this up with two simple yet powerful words: "Follow me." We know that Peter did indeed follow Jesus even though he knew the going would be rough sometimes. Are you willing to follow Jesus? How willing are you? When the going gets rough, will you still follow? When things don't go your way, will you still follow? "Follow me." Two simple yet powerful words. What is your response?