



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - May 13, 2012

Sermon

Jesus' Resurrection

Appearances:

*"Jesus' Appearance
Scares the Disciples"*

Luke 2:1-20

by Bob Shank

Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 5/14/12

Luke 24:36

The disciples were talking among themselves and Jesus appears suddenly to the disciples. He stands there with them and he says, "Peace be with you!". What do you think they were thinking? Remember that Jesus was supposed to be gone after his crucifixion. How could he possibly be there standing with them? How do you explain this? Does it make sense? And why did he say, "Peace be with you?"

Tuesday 5/15/12

Luke 24:37

Luke records that the disciples were afraid. In fact, he goes farther into detail and states that the disciples were "startled and terrified." They thought they were seeing a ghost! And to make matters even worse, this ghost was talking to them! Can you imagine the fear in these disciples? Fear can do any number of things to an individual or a group of people. When was the last time you were scared? Why? What were the circumstances? Can you identify with these terrified disciples in any ways?

Wednesday 5/16/12

Luke 24:38

Jesus himself asks these basic questions to the disciples. "Why are you frightened and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" Do you think doubts and fears are related in any way? Doubts can come from any direction, including from within and without. And to make matters even worse, these fears can drive us to think and act in unnatural ways. How can we support each other in our fears? What can we do to drive out the doubts and fears that enter into our minds? Is Jesus asking these same questions of us even today?



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

What fears do you have to face this week?

What did Jesus' resurrected body look like?

Thursday 5/17/12
Luke 24:39

Jesus then invites the disciples to look at his hands and feet. He then states clearly that it was indeed Jesus standing in their midst! Then he invited them to touch him and see, since a ghost does not have flesh and bone like Jesus had as he stood there in front of the disciples. Here we have a unique and interesting description of the resurrected Jesus. Does any of this surprise you or does it create more confusion?

Friday 5/18/12
Luke 24:40-41

I just love these two verses! In verse 40 Jesus showed the disciples his hands and feet so they could see the scars and identify this as Jesus, the same one who suffered and died on a cross on Friday. And they could still not believe it! I'm not exactly sure I would have either! Then Jesus asks if they have anything to eat. Honestly, how could Jesus eat at a time like this? Wouldn't you have been amazed by these facts, too?

Saturday 5/19/12
Luke 24:42-43

The disciples gave Jesus a piece of broiled fish and he ate it! This was no ghost; it was the resurrected Jesus! He lives! And here is another part of this story that I enjoy: He took the fish and he ate it in front of them. These verses describe some details about Jesus' resurrection body and they help to support the evidence about the truth of the resurrection. Jesus is risen indeed! Do you believe?