

Easter Morning Service

Dawn of a New Day

Luke 24

*A day of Joy and celebration

*Celebration of new things

1. Old Covenant v. New Covenant
2. Mourning v. Joy
3. Alone v Together
4. Ignorance v. Understanding
5. Aimlessness v. Purpose
6. Selfishness v. Christ-filled

Goal: To celebrate what God accomplished on the cross and to encourage our hearts to burn with in us for the gospel

*This story should burst with the vitality of God's great power and the stark transformation of Jesus from death into life

*And that same power is inside of his followers

Romans 8:11

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus[d] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Luke 24

v.1-4 The first day of the week aka first day after the sabbath. Not only is it the first day of a new week, it is the first day of the New Covenant between God and his people.

v.5 "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

1. Stop looking for life in the dead things of this world.

* There is nothing in this world that can give us life or bring us fulfillment.

As a follower of Jesus, are you filled with life, or are you still looking around in dead stuff

2. Stop going through the empty motions of life trapped by

*The same frustrations

*The same struggles

*The same feelings of inadequacy

*The same sins and temptations

3. Jesus came to give life, an abundant life, with the power of the resurrection.

v. 6-8 Reminder that everything happened on purpose, just as it was always planned and communicated several times

v.9 Every account of encounters with Jesus inspire joy, celebration, and the intense desire to tell somebody

v.25-27 Jesus begins to explain everything about why he had to die exactly the way he did. Every single action was foretold and necessary

v.28-29 They were so enthralled with his explanation that they didn't want him to leave them

v.30-31 Inside, Jesus reveals himself. Their eyes are opened.

v.32 The truth of scripture left a burning, aching, longing desire inside their heart

1. God's promises, God's word put a burning inside of them
2. Holy Spirit is what gives us that burning desire

v.33 That burning desire lead to ACTION

1. They were so excited and the fire burned so strongly that they just walked 7 miles back to Jerusalem

2. Back to the place of

Hurt

Persecution

Despair

Rejection

v.33-34 They shared their testimony

1. Their encounter with Jesus wasn't so that they could

* Be comfortable and stay where they were

* Have personal story to ease their lot in life

* Not to give them warm fuzzy feeling

2. They got up and returned to the place of misery, to the place of brokenness and broken people to simply share all that God had showed them

****The resurrection:**

1. Means Life
2. Gives Joy
3. Puts a fire deep in our heart
4. Emboldens Us
5. Changes Us
6. Challenges Us

****Their encounter w/ the risen Savior changed everything**

1. Emboldened them
2. Empowered them
3. Filled them with Joy
4. Poured out blessing on them
5. Moved them to worship

****The church was not meant to stay in the upper room, it was sent out into all the World to spread the message of the risen savior.**