

## He Is Risen - Now What?? - April 20, 2022

The party's over. Down? Depressed? Sad? Where do you start?  
How do you keep going when everything has changed?

Take a lesson from Jesus w/Disciples: Luke 24

**Luke 24:45-48** - 45 Then [Jesus] opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. 46 And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. 47 It was also written that this **message** would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: '**There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.**' 48 You are witnesses of all these things. 49 "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

**4-pt Plan:** 1) Stay & rest, 2) Wait on God, 3) His Power, 4) be Witnesses  
We jump & go... skip "rest" We use our power.... We don't wait...

**Don't confuse busyness w/ purpose. Business v BusYness – Y.**

**Why** am I doing this? Glorify God? Bring people to His love?

Are we "about our Father's business"?

Is it- "**For You, God, in 2022**" ??

God will sometimes bring us to stay, rest, & wait before life really begins!

### **1. Disciples have a purpose – Business is to be a witness of Jesus**

a. **We have same purpose.** It's our business: to be a light on the hill.

b. **John 21 - Peter is told: "Feed my sheep" & "Follow Me"**

i. Jesus said, "Feed them," not "Lead them"

1. Nourish & nurture others. Refresh. Fill up w/Love.

2. Give others "something more"... more is Jesus.

ii. Jesus said, "Follow Me," not "Direct others" or "Speak for Me"

1. Leading is God's business.

2. Help others connect w/ God. We don't control others.

iii. Love Jesus? Feed sheep. Love is Action. Love is Doing. It is:  
Sharing the Message of Jesus.

## 2. Jesus' message: there is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.

- a. **Repent** - feel sincere regret/ remorse about one's wrongdoing/sin.
  - i. Hebrew word 'repentance' is **teshuva** ("teh-shoo-vah").  
Teshuva is more than regret; derives from verb "**to return**"
  - ii. Repentance is more than "sorry." We repeat "sorry" mistakes.
  - iii. Teshuva is a state of mind, a decision.
  - iv. **Turn** from where you were headed – **return** back to God.
- b. **Can't live same** as we did before we knew the Resurrection.
  - i. Resurrection has to **change us**. Hope... Purpose.  
**1 Cor. 15:14** – "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith."
    - ii. He's Risen: It's not the end, it's the beginning.
    - iii. The Cross is Grace. Grace is trampled if we're the same.
    - iv. Jesus' sacrifice means nothing if we keep on sinning.  
**Romans 6:1-2** – "Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?"
- c. To be the **best messengers** for Jesus, we have to continually ask: Is there some area of my life that needs to change? Repent?
  - i. What sin have I been ignoring? What bad habits crept in?
- d. Know this: we confess – He is faithful to forgive.
  - i. Love & mercy awaits us because Grace went to work. Paid.

### He's Risen: What's Next?

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**Resting & Waiting** is time for **reflection, repentance, & renewal.**

**Covid** has been part of our resting.

Has there been reflection, repentance, & renewal?

How do we go forward? 4-pt plan.

**For You, God, in 2022.**

Song of the week – Jordan Feliz – "Changed"