

SAINT PAUL/ST. ELIZABETH FAITH COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

LIVING THE RESURRECTION LIFE

“Living with Both Faith & Doubt”, Part 2

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

6PM

Text: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Introduction:

In this week's text, Luke presents his narrative of the resurrected Christ appearing to the disciples. There are quite a few distinguishing points. Each visitation appears in the same day according to Luke, and he concludes his version with instructions to the disciples. Another distinction in Luke's version (versus John's from last week) is the emphasis on touching rather than seeing. For Disciples striving to live the Resurrection Life, perhaps this text forces us to explore ways to "Touch and See" the Lord in ways that ground us in our attempt to navigate our faith and doubt.

I. Exploring the Text

- a. A reoccurring theme is the post resurrection appearances is that of fear. Can you identify a pattern?
- b. What questions do you have for the text?
- c. In the text, Jesus 'goes the extra mile' to assure the disciples of his identity(v 39-42). What does this say about the Lord's feeling toward out doubts and need for assurance?
- d. What relevance do the instructions to the disciples have for us today?(v48-49).

II. Living with Faith and Doubt

- a. What do you think are '*seeds of doubt*' in your life?

III. How do we reconcile? (4/21)

- i. How do we minimize our doubt?
- ii. How do we increase our faith?

IV. Principles of the Resurrection Life