

Sermon Study Guide – April 15th, 2018:

Today's Focus – "Fear Rolled Away"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What kinds of things do you fear? What don't you fear? How do you overcome the fears that you do have?
- ◆ *"The only thing you have to fear is fear itself."* Do quotes like this help you overcome fear? Why or why not?

2) Today's Message: Luke 24:36-49

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Feel free to answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. What fears did the disciples struggle to lock out?
2. What do we find at the root of their fears and ours? How does it use our fears to lock out God?
3. What was one thing these fears could not lock out? How does he help us with our fears?
4. The future hope of the resurrection rolls away our fears! Yet, what else does Jesus give us in the present to help with our fears?

4) Taking it Home:

Consider the following as you go about your week:

- ◆ Compare this week's text with last week's (John 20:19-28). What unique details do each focus on? Anything stand out knowing that John was an actual witness of these events, and Luke "merely" investigated them thoroughly?
- ◆ Read through the different resurrection accounts at the end of each gospel. Where do you see fear? In what different ways does Jesus "roll away" such fear? What common threads do you see between these accounts and today's?

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: review Isaiah 43:1-7, 1 John 4:11-18 **Thursday:** Acts 7:37-60

Tuesday: Acts 4:1-31

Friday: Acts 12:1-19

Wednesday: Acts 5:12-42

Saturday: *review* Luke 24:36-49