

Luke24:36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

24:37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

24:38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

24:39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

24:40 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

24:41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

24:42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

24:43 And He took it and ate in their presence.

24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

24:45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

24:46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

24:47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

24:48 "And you are witnesses of these things.

24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

24:50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

24:51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

24:52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

24:53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Good morning, everyone.

The brown, winter-worn mountainsides are now completely covered with green and fresh green. And the green is gradually becoming darker and darker.

We are in a season of great temperature differences, with early summer days that can be spent in half-sleeves, rain and wind, and chilly weather, as well as the sluggishness of spring. I hope you are all doing well, and I urge you to take care of your health.

We have seen how the disciples were lost in the turmoil and confusion of the morning of the resurrection, which continued into that afternoon.

At the time of the Lord's death on the cross, the disciples were so upset that they could not recall the Lord's words, were at a loss, were afraid and lost, and thought they were talking nonsense without listening to the

women's eyewitness accounts. Easter morning was a morning of deep confusion.

To these disciples, the Lord Jesus meets them one by one, on the way to Emmaus and again to Peter, warms their frozen hearts in the fog of fear and incomprehension and confusion, and breaks the ice of forgetfulness and unbelief to set them free.

24:35 Then the two of them told what had happened on the way and how they recognized Jesus by the way he was offering the bread.

24:36 While they were talking, Jesus stood up in the midst of them. And he said, "Go in peace.

The disciples did not listen to the women's testimony at all. But when they heard about the Lord's appearance to the two men on the road to Emmaus and the incident in which He appeared to Peter, Jesus stood in the midst of the disciples, who were still half-convinced, and said, "Peace be with you.

24:37 And they were afraid and astonished, and thought they were seeing spirits.

24:38 Then Jesus said, "Why are you perplexed? 24:38 And Jesus said, "Why are you perplexed, and why does doubt arise in your heart?

Here, too, we see the disciples still fearful and astonished, shaking and trembling, astonished from the bottom of their hearts. They must have been upset that the Lord suddenly appeared to them like a ghost, but if they truly believed from the bottom of their hearts that the Lord had resurrected, there would have been no need for them to be so surprised.

Do we also believe in the resurrected Lord? When we don't understand the situation, when it is difficult to discern and the future is uncertain. When we don't know what is going on, when we are in a fog. In times of great storms of life, times of loneliness, times of weakness, times of illness, times of conflict, times of loss, times of grief.... There have been times in the past when the disciples were so tired that they were surprised by the Lord, who was approaching them to comfort them, saying, "He is a ghost.

Matthew 14:22 Then immediately, while He was dismissing the crowd, He had His disciples get into a boat and go ahead of Him to the other shore.

14:23 And when he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain secretly to pray. When evening came, He remained there alone.

14:24 But the boat was already several yards from the land, and it was troubled with waves, because there was a contrary wind.

14:25 About four o'clock at dawn Jesus went toward them on foot over the sea.

14:26 When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were bewildered, saying that He was a ghost, and they cried out in terror.

14:27 But Jesus immediately called out to them, saying, "Hold fast, it is I; do not be afraid. Do not be afraid.

14:28 Then Peter answered and said, "Lord, was it you? Then command me and let me cross over the

water to you.

14:29 Jesus said, "Come," and Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to Him.

14:30 But when he saw the wind, he became afraid and was about to drown, so he cried out, "Lord, help me!"

14:31 Jesus immediately stretched out his hand, seized him, and said, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32 When the two of them got into the boat, the wind ceased to blow.

14:33 And those who were in the boat worshipped Jesus, saying, "Truly, truly, you are the Son of God.

14:34 Then they crossed the sea and arrived at the land of Gennesaret.

14:35 Then they crossed the sea and arrived in the land of Gennesaret, saying, "Hold fast, it is I; do not be afraid. After the event of being relieved by the Lord's words, "Do not be afraid," and even being allowed to walk on the water to test whether it was really Jesus, the disciples again trembled and feared that they were ghosts to their beloved Lord who was so near to them. I am reminded that I am not only talking about them, but about me as well.

24:38 Then Jesus said, "Why are you perplexed? Why do you doubt in your heart?"

24:39 Look at my hands and my feet. 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet; it is really me. Touch me and see. For the spirit has no flesh and bones, but I have them, as you see.

24:40 [Thus He showed them His hands and His feet].

For the Lord is with us. He has triumphed over death, He is triumphant, He is victorious, He is resurrected, and He is with us. Why are we perplexed? Why do we doubt?

But for such faithless disciples, the Lord appears again and again and speaks to them, saying, "Peace be with you.

1 John

1:1 Concerning that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at with our eyes and touched with our hands, the word of life--

1:2 For this life has appeared, and this eternal life we have seen, and bear witness of, and proclaim to you. This eternal life, which was with the Father, is now manifested to us-- 1:3

1:3 That is, what we have seen and heard, we proclaim to you also. 1:4 And we will preach to you also the things which we have seen and heard, that you may be partakers of our fellowship. Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1:4 I write this so that our joy may be full.

1 Peter 1:8

1:8 For ye have not seen him, but ye love him; and though ye have not seen him, yet ye love him; and though ye have not seen him, yet ye love him. 1:9 For though you have not seen him, you love him; and though you do not see him, you believe in him, and are filled with unspeakable and radiant joy.

1:9 For he has obtained the salvation of the soul, which is the result of faith.

24:38 Then Jesus said, "Why are you perplexed? 24:38 And Jesus said, "Why are you perplexed, and why does doubt arise in your heart?

24:39 Look at my hands and my feet. 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet; it is very me. Touch me and see. For the spirit has no flesh and bones, but I have them, as you see.

24:40 [Thus saying, He showed them His hands and feet].

It is indeed I am. Look at my hands and feet. Touch them. Thus the Lord showed them his hands and feet.

24:41 In their joy and wonder, still in disbelief, Jesus said, "Do you have any food here?

24:42 He gave them a piece of fish that they had roasted,

24:43 Jesus took it and ate it in front of everyone.

Jesus' many arrangements, appearances, and words spoken finally cause the disciples to burst with joy.

They were "joyful, yet still in disbelief and wonder.

There was a trembling fear, worry, and sadness. There was a sense of loss. There were many feelings of things not going well. But now, because of Jesus' work, "they are in a state of joy so great that they are still wondering in disbelief.

The disciples, whose joy is so overwhelming that it doesn't seem real, are dreaming dreamily, with their eyes black and white. It was like winning the first prize of a lottery and not being able to believe it, but far more than that, the disciples had an event in front of them. They were so happy to see the One who saves lives, fills them with all good things, and always guides and protects them every step of the way.

What a blessing it is to be able to feel such a blessing in one's life, "They are so joyful that they still wonder in disbelief. And for those who believe, it is not a one-time thing. What a blessing it is to be able to experience in one's life that "they are still wondering in unbelief because of their joy.

Jesus stooped down so that the disciples could be convinced and believe, and although it may no longer be particularly necessary for the resurrection body to eat the fish, I believe He did so deliciously for them. He must have eaten the fish for the disciples. He showed them that he was not a ghost or a phantom.

After this, Jesus disappeared again, but the bones of the bony fish caught in the Lake of Galilee remained even after Jesus took the fish, and whenever they saw the bones, they must have continued to believe that

these were the bones of the fish Jesus took. If it had been meat, there would have been nothing left afterward, and the illusion might have been that it was the plate from the beginning. The disciples might have kept the bones after Jesus had risen from the dead.

The Greek word for fish is *ivcqu,j* (*ixus*),

Using these five letters of the Greek alphabet as initials, believers in the early church used the following code words. The first letter of the Greek alphabet is "i," the second letter is "Christ," the third letter is "theos," or "God," the fourth letter is "ou," or "son," and the last letter is "sotierre," or "Savior," thus: "Jesus, They expressed their faith in Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, and the Savior by holding up the symbol of a fish, and by doing so, they announced to each other that they were believers and had escaped persecution. We can see that for the disciples, Jesus' taking of the fish was a memorable event of grace that they will always remember.

24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words that I spoke to you in the days when I was with you before. 24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words that I spoke to you when I was with you before, saying, 'Whatever is written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms, will surely be fulfilled.

24:45 Then Jesus opened their hearts to understand the Scriptures.

24:46 He said, "Thus it is written. Christ will suffer, and on the third day he will rise from the dead.

24:47 And repentance shall be preached in his name for the remission of sins unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

And it shall come to pass in the end, as it is written in Moses, the prophets, and the psalms, that all things shall come to pass concerning me; so seek the Scriptures. Seek the Scriptures. Open the eyes of your heart and consult the Bible. When you are in trouble, when you are in a fog, when you are sad, when you are at your wits' end, seek me in the Bible. Remember what I did, what I said, and what happened in the end. He will suffer, and on the third day he will rise from the dead. And repentance shall be preached in his name for the remission of sins to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Jesus opened the hearts of His disciples to understand the Scriptures and told them that what is written about Him throughout the entire Bible is what is important. He told them that everything would be fulfilled. This was the story of the Word that set the hearts of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on fire.

When we are cold, when we are sad, when we are unenlightened, when we are tired of believing, we ask for the Bible. And we find that every event in the Bible about Jesus is fulfilled. God has fulfilled salvation for us in Jesus. Without reserve or reservation, "Christ suffered and rose from the dead on the third day. And repentance in his name for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to the nations, beginning in Jerusalem. And we, too, are "witnesses of these things.

2 Corinthians 8:9 Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is, He was rich, and yet He became poor for your sakes. That ye might be rich through His poverty.

1 Peter 2:24 Moreover, He took our sins upon Himself on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

2:25 Ye have gone astray like sheep, but now ye are returned unto Him who is the Shepherd and the Counselor of the souls.

Isaiah 53:1 Who could believe what we have heard? Whom did the arm of the LORD appear?

Isaiah 53:2 He grew up before the LORD like a young tree, like a root out of dry soil. He has no form for us to behold, no majesty, no beauty for us to admire.

53:3 He was despised and forsaken of men; he was a man of sorrows, and knew sickness. 53:4 And he was despised like one whose face is covered with abominations. 53:4 And we esteemed him not, neither did we respect him: for he was a man of sorrows, and knew sickness.

53:4 For indeed he bore our infirmities, and was our grief, and we thought, "What is this that he is doing?" 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities. 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, and he was crushed for our iniquities: he was chastened himself, and gave us peace; and by his wounds we are healed.

53:6 We have all gone our own way, lost as sheep: but the LORD hath not forgotten the iniquity of us all. 53:6 And the LORD laid on him the iniquity of us all.

53:7 He was tormented and afflicted, but he did not open his mouth. 53:7 He was tormented, but he did not open his mouth, like a lamb being dragged to the hovel, or like a sheep keeping silent before the shearers.

53:8 He was taken away by a tyrannical judgment. Who of his generation thought that he had been smitten for the transgression of my people, and had been cut off from the land of the living?

24:49 Behold, I present to you that which my Father has promised. Therefore, remain ye in the city until ye receive power from above."

This is a promise to receive the Holy Spirit. After the seven weeks of the Lord's resurrection comes the time of Pentecost.

He will continue to remain in the city. To remain in Jerusalem, where the rulers who crucified the Lord reign (remembering the disciples who fled to Emmaus), must have been fraught with danger and suffering. Nevertheless, when we obey the Lord's words in any way, His glorious works are manifested.

During the festival, the spirit was poured out, people spoke in foreign languages they had never learned, and they heard people praise God's work in the language of the country where they were born. The church

was born strong, and world missions began.

47 And repentance, in whose name there is forgiveness of sins, is proclaimed to the nations, beginning in Jerusalem.

48 And you are witnesses of these things.

The Word is fulfilled at every turn.

Jesus told us to cast down our nets in Luke 5, and if we obeyed, the miracle of a great catch came. In the same chapter 5, there was an incident in which a man who was unable to walk due to a stroke (midwind) walked carrying the floor when the Lord commanded him to do so.

If Lazarus' corpse is commanded, the corpse will come out of the tomb with life again. At the wedding in Cana, when water was brought to the caretaker as commanded, the water turned into wine.

A Roman centurion was healed when he was ordered to heal a sick subordinate from a remote location in response to the subordinate's request, "Just give me a word. (Matthew 8, Luke 7)

To a man born blind from birth, the Lord spoke thus. Go to the pool of Siloam and wash. So he went and washed. Then he became able to see and returned. (John 9)

The Lord's words are powerful, and His words are fulfilled at every word.

Matthew 28:18 Jesus approached them and said, "I have given you all authority in heaven and on earth.

28:19 Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

28:20 Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

24:50 Then Jesus brought them near to Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

24:51 While He was blessing them, He left them and lifted them up to heaven.

24:52 And they [worshipped Jesus] and returned with great joy to Jerusalem,

24:53 And they were continually in the temple praising God.

Jesus prayed a prayer of blessing for the disciples, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were constantly in the temple praising God. This event could not have been easy for the disciples, who were in the midst of the troubles of persecution. But because of their great joy in receiving the blessing, their fear was taken away from them.

And for the disciples who were constantly in the temple praising God, the promised Holy Spirit was about to be poured out, just as the Lord had said.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship.

We thank you for the blessings of life, that we can be blessed with "joy so great that we still cannot believe,"

and wonder. We thank you for the happiness of not having doubts in our hearts, for the happiness of being able to believe, and for the happiness of knowing that the Savior is always before us, always there, just a hand's reach away, just a touch away. In the midst of various difficulties, please guide us in this new week with your unchanging blessings and say to us, "Peace be with you, peace be with you. Peace be with you. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.