

Can I Get a Witness?

April 17 – May 8, 2022

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What is the point of a resurrection if no one knows about it? We are called to spread the news, to be witnesses to the miracles that God has wrought. Death no longer has power. In Christ we have new life. Alleluia!

April 17 8:30 am – New Life

“we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” – Romans 6:4

Luke 24:1-5; Romans 6:3-11

We are called to give our whole lives to follow Jesus in faith. We are to walk in new ways and be transformed by love. With Christ we die to other ways of being and are resurrected into new life.

April 17 10:30 am – Unbelievable Tales

“they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest” – Luke 24:9

1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

The women come to the tomb to mourn but instead find a message of joy and good news. They hurry to tell all, but will anyone listen? Will any trust in this incredible news? We too are called to share the good news. Not all will listen. Still, the word will spread: Christ is Risen!

April 24 – Can't Keep Quiet

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Acts 5:27-32; Luke 24:13-35

You've heard the rumors. Will we only talk of them of in dark corners, whisper behind hands, or will we proclaim them from the street corners? The good news can be scary. It threatens the powers that be and many wish we would just hide it away. But we cannot. Our very lives proclaim our love and faith. Jesus teaches us and walks with us so that we might have the courage to proclaim the truth in the world.

May 1 – What Can We Say?

"though his eyes were open, he could see nothing" – Acts 9:8

Acts 9:1-9; Luke 24:36-49

We struggle to trust the hope of the resurrection. How can someone live who has died? How can new life come out of something deeply destructive? Not easily. It takes time to trust. It takes radical encounters to pull us out of our old ways of being so we may become something new.

May 8 – Embodied Love

"Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." – John 2:16

Acts 9:36-43; John 21:1-19

If we are to live as witnesses to the abundance of love and grace we find in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, what does that mean? It means a legacy of stories about love demonstrated for others. Tangible love: clothes made, sheep fed, others embraced in astounded wonder and ecstatic joy.