

Why Do you Look for the Living Among the Dead?

PRAYER

- Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer

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Easter begins with the question, “My God, my God why have you forsaken me,” and ends with the answer, “He’s alive!” Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, His will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice, and peace over bitterness. Easter is about a journey of faith that leads us to God, ourselves, and new life!

READ: Luke 24: 1-12

REFLECT on verse 5

- What do you think is behind Jesus’ question of “*why do you look for the living among the dead?*” What point do you think Jesus was trying to make by asking this question?
- The Easter story shows us that we often look in the wrong places (or for the wrong things) in times of fear and struggle. Has this ever happened to you—when and where?
- The Easter story begins with the painful reality of a tomb. What difficult or painful “realities” are you currently facing? Where are you looking for help and deliverance?

REFLECT on verse 6

- Do you forget things easily, or are you someone who has a good memory?
- Verse 6 calls us to remember, why is remembering so important to our Christian faith?
- What are some of the lessons of Easter that we should remember throughout the year?

REFLECT on verse 7

Why did the early disciples look for the living among the dead—because they didn’t understand the message! Today, there is a tendency is to see Jesus as a figure of history, rather than as a living presence that is HERE among us. We don’t understand the message—that he’s alive!

- What does the message of verse 7 mean to you personally?
- Why was this message hard for the early disciples to understand? Why is this message sometimes hard for modern-day disciples to understand?

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