



Lectionary Bible Study Our Savior Lutheran, Vero Beach

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The good news of Easter too large to be confined to just one Sunday. That's why the church calendar celebrates Easter for a full 50 days which includes a week of Sundays. The appointed gospels begin with a few resurrection appearances before turning back to remind us of a few of Jesus' key speeches which are now to be understood in light of his rising from the dead. Each week we are invited to not only to look for the resurrected Christ's presence in our lives, but also to ponder how his teachings still bring new life as they are heard and shared in new light.

Luke 24:36-48

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.

Consider reading all of Luke 24 which describes the day of resurrection. The appointed verses for this week's gospel (Luke 24:36b-48) are best to be heard in context of the whole day, and especially as an extension of Jesus' first appearance in Luke's gospel on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

1. Think about the word “*ghost*.” Is a ghost real, not real, or somewhere in-between? Why is it important for Luke to make sure the disciples understand the resurrected Jesus is more than a ghost, and what does Jesus do in Luke 24 to show his resurrection is a physical reality?
2. “*He opened their minds to understand the scripture.*” Jesus uses the scriptures known to the disciples to reveal that God’s good intentions and love for God’s people continues to be worked out through the resurrection. What bible stories would you share to a room of frightened people to invite and encourage faith in the living Christ?
3. Word and meal are central to Christ revealing himself in Luke’s gospel. How important is word and meal today in life of the Church? How do you bring word and meal together in your daily discipleship?
4. “*You are witnesses of these things.*” What does it mean to be a witness?