**James - Practical Living** 

How Then Shall We Live?

09:55 am **5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO** 

10:00 am \*\*LIVE Worship –

10:25 am \*\*LIVE In House Welcome -

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform -

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

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**10:30 AM \*\*Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor <u>Self Intro</u> -

<u>NEXT-GEN:</u> 9am Sundays @ Balcony -

## <u>Life Groups Home Groups</u> 7pm Mon Nights - coming soon April -Host Family Needed

<u>Men's Fellowship</u> 8:30am

1st & 3rd Saturday Mohegan Diner





True North Youth Ranch - HAY DRIVE - sending out an email

<u>Worship Beyond Walls</u> - RIGHT HERE>>> Saturday Night 4/22 at 5pm



Last week we Celebrated Resurrection Sunday!! The Day Y'eshua Hamashiak solved the riddle of the grave. -

Obviously Y'eshua is Jesus's Name in Hebrew & I intentionally use it here to point out that what we truly celebrated was actually Passover... & Jesus is our Passover Lamb Who takes away the sins of the WORLD..

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? How should the EMPTY Grave affect the way we live??

I was led to look at one life in particular that displays & teaches these very points. One that was in direct contact with Jesus however, choose NOT to follow Him while alive...

How many people have siblings? Brothers or sisters you were raised with?

There's always been something special about the bond between siblings. Growing up together in the same household, having the same teachers, horsing around and playing pranks. No one usually knows you better than your sibling. - share the deepest secrets, trust with the most important issues...

I'm often surprised by how many people find it shocking when I inform them that Jesus had siblings.

The brothers of Jesus or the *adelphoi* (Greek: ἀδελφοί, translit. adelphoí, lit. "of the same womb") are named in the New Testament as James, Joses (a form of Joseph), Simon, Jude, and unnamed sisters.

Mark 6:2-4 New King James Version

And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!

Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." No one in His home town was really feeling His Vibe. Many thought He was crazy. His own siblings thought He would eventually dishonor the family name.

John 7:2-5 New King James Version

Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. 3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. 4 For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." 5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

How do a bunch of cowering, broken, fearing for their own lives.... followers, friends, & family members transition to become

FEARLESS, Authoritative, confident, faithful believers of Jesus

## **From Hiding to Declaring**

Remember the promise.....

**John 14:15-18** NKJV

**15** *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.* **16** *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—* **17** *the Spirit of truth, whom the world* 

cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

παράκλητος

## paraklētos / advocate; helper; intercessor

**Erasmian Pronunciation** 

LOGOS

Counselor, Advocate, Heper, Intercessor, Mediator

*Teaches everything*, guides into all Truth, *Declares things to come*, Reminds us of what Jesus said, *Glorifies Christ*, Proves the world wrong about sin, righteousness, & judgment.

Acts 1:4-8 New King James Version The Holy Spirit Promised

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:13-14 New King James Version

And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer

and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

**Coming of the Holy Spirit** 

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them [b]divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The crowd's response.... multilingual convention and everyone heard & understood in their OWN language... They were confused, amazed, & marveled...

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12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

13 Others mockingly said, "They are full of new wine."

Take a look at Peter.... After running, hiding, denying Jesus... not 1, 2, but 3 times in FEAR of his own life...

<u>But Peter</u>, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.'

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

Peter continues to lay down prophetic writings while bridging them & connecting them to Jesus...

37 *Now when they heard this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;

and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

.... & it's here that we find ourselves this morning, face to face with James - or more technically Jacob - Jesus ½ brother who NOW has been transformed & empowered t60 not only believe & receive Christ as KING but to also LEAD the 1st Church in Jerusalem....

For the next several weeks we'll be exploring the Epistle uniquely written by James as HE teaches us how to practically live out our faith...

VIDEO \*RightNow Media\* How to Read James

Are you excited for the next several weeks as we learn to apply these teachings into our daily living... learn to walk in the newness of LIFE... ??

## CALL TO ACTION

None of this will make any sense until you come to a place of asking HIM to enter into your heart. To wipe out the sin & cleanse your conscience

The Lord says draw near unto me... & I'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

**RECEIVE THE RISEN LORD & KNOW FOR YOURSELF** THAT HE LIVES!!!!

**OK CHURCH...** 

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you, The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.""

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

See you next week....