

April 29 and May 2, 2021

Church Life

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today!
- Are you finding yourself in an **unexpected pregnancy** and feeling scared? Do you feel like you have no one you can turn to for help? Here at Grace Chapel, we have a team of people trained to talk with you, listen to you, and give you support and encouragement. We don't want you to feel alone as you think about being pregnant and can't think of anyone to talk to about it. We would love to have you connect with us! You can reach the **Life Team** by calling the church at 616-741-0032 and then press option 6, or you can email our team at lifeteam@gracechapelzeeland.com. You will get a confidential response from a team member.
- **Grace Motorcycle Ministry** is starting up in May! Please meet at Grace at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 25. At approximately 6:30 pm, the group will leave for a ride and get some ice cream! Plan on arriving back at church around 8-8:30 pm. Invite a motorcycle friend(s) to come along! This is open to men and women and will meet the 4th Tuesday of May through August. Please contact Tom TenHarmsel at ttenharmsel@gmail.com or Jim Hill at jimhill0626@gmail.com with questions. Please sign-up at the scooter table if you are interested.
- **Prayer Team!** Do you have a passion for prayer? The prayer ministry is looking for faithful prayers to join the prayer team and pray before the services on Thursday and Sunday. This involves meeting at the church 1 hour before services to pray for the pastor, staff, volunteers, and all ministries that day. Please contact Beth Webb or Pastor John at john@gracechapelzeeland.com
- Save the date! The **Grace Teen Youth Group** is going to be heading to Craigs Cruisers Sunday, May 2. If your student wants to go, please send 15 dollars cash with them. The bus is leaving from the Ebenezer Church parking lot at 12:30 pm after lunch and will return at 4:30 pm for pick up.



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5th & 6th Resurrection Appearances

Most Important questions you will ever answer?

Do you believe Jesus _____ from the _____?

Do you submit your _____ to Jesus as the only source of _____?

Luke 24:36-43, Jesus Appears to the Disciples, ³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

John 20:20-29, ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Jesus Appears to Thomas, ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

What do you think actually happened?

Life Application

Take time this week to write down some doubts you have or use to have about Jesus' resurrection. Share with a friend and discuss.



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The Jewish historian Josephus recorded many things regarding Jesus and the early church started by Jesus. In his writings, which are 100% outside of the Bible, he confirms that John the Baptist died at the hand of Herod, exactly how it is recorded in the Bible. He also wrote about the death of, "The brother of Jesus, James."

1. Were you aware of the many sources outside of to the Bible that demonstrate the historical reliability of the Bible?
2. All of this historical evidence tells us that within one lifetime of Jesus's death, the knowledge of who Jesus was, was so widespread that writers and historians like Josephus, could reference Jesus and expect their readers to know exactly who he was talking about. Yet today, doubt is quite prevalent. Why? How can knowledge help change that?

READ: Luke 24: 36-43

3. What does it say in verse 41? They knew Jesus, they had been with Jesus in person for three years. Jesus is standing with them. Jesus is literally there. And it was still hard to believe this was real and true. How does this change the way you view doubt?
4. The closest followers of Jesus doubted. How could you use this information to encourage others who question and doubt?
5. Once again Jesus uses food to help them understand who He was and the reality of resurrection. Why? Why did it take food?

READ: John 20:20-29

6. What are some observations you made about the continuing appearances of Jesus?
7. Jesus is no longer bound by the laws of this world. Discuss how this changes things.

A Quote from Pastor Adam... Do not miss what Jesus says in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." He did not say He was there so they could sit behind locked doors and study their Bibles all day--- or warm a seat up in a church one day a week and then live 6 days a week as if they never knew Jesus--- or so they could study about Him for a lifetime and then never do anything with it! Jesus said very clearly, As God the Father Sent me into the world to make disciples, now my expectation is that you will do the same thing.

8. Read Pastors Adam's quote above. How are you doing? Explain?
9. Doubt can really mess with our desire to even try and reach out to make disciples. How do you deal with doubt or help others deal with it?
10. Thomas had a lot in common with many of us about all this doubt. He needed to SEE to believe. What did Jesus say about seeing and believing? Why do you think Jesus says this and for whom did He say it?
11. If you still do not think Jesus rose from the dead, what do you think happened?
12. Reread this: 'All of this historical evidence tells us that within one lifetime of Jesus's death, the knowledge of who Jesus was, was so widespread that writers and historians like Josephus, could reference Jesus and expect their readers to know exactly who he was talking about.' Keep in mind no media of any sort to keep Jesus in the news. This was by word of mouth throughout the entire Roman empire. Discuss the likelihood of the 'name' of a person becoming known worldwide without media. Today, apart from doing something very good or bad even with media, we will fall into the dust bin of history. So how do you explain Jesus unless He was exactly who He said He was?

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