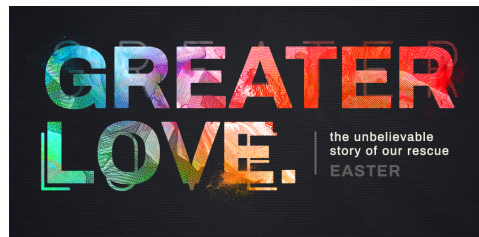


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Rescued for a Reason

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday



Easter is the greatest rescue story of all time!

Luke 24:6-7 (NLT) “[Jesus] isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man[a] must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day.”

Luke 24:35-40 (NLT) Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. ³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! ³⁸ “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? ³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.” ⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

- **Jesus is alive.**

- **Jesus wants to be with us.**

Luke 24:41-43 (NLT) Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he ate it as they watched.

Psalms 16:11 (ESV) “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

“Joy is the actualization of our freedom, which takes concrete form in fellowship.”

- **Jesus has rescued us.**

Luke 24:44-47 (NLT) Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’

- **Jesus has given us a mission.**

Luke 24:48-53 (NLT) You are witnesses of all these things. ⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.” ⁵⁰ Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵² So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. ⁵³ And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

“The cross is to be interpreted as the coming of the kingdom on earth as in heaven... an agenda in which the forgiven people are put to work, addressing the evils of the world in the light of the victory at Calvary. Those who are put right with God through the cross are to be putting-right people for the world.” How God Became King N.T. Wright p. 244

Big Idea: Worship the risen King who rescues you!



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- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us and what does this tell us about Christ as the risen Saviour King?
- 5) What aspects of this story help you believe that what is written really happened? What doubts or questions do you have? What are the implications for those who believe in Jesus as the Messiah?
- 6) Reflect on Luke 24:48-53. What is Jesus saying here and what is the significance for us? What does it mean to be a "witness" for Christ? In what ways can you step into this as an individual and as an Impact Community?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this study? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). Where do you need to surrender to Christ and how will you worship Him today?



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