



The
Resurrection
and the Life

John 11:25-26
Resurrection Eyewitnesses
Acts 1:4, 12-26, 2:1-4
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Sermon Summary

Jesus Foretold His Death, Burial and Resurrection!

After Jesus' ascension, the disciples were commanded to go back to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit. What the disciples did during the time between the ascension and Pentecost can encourage Christians on their faith journey today. Christians who are not vigilant, steeped in the Scriptures and walking in the Spirit are susceptible to periods of stagnation in their walk with God. How can the teachings of Jesus, the experiences of His disciples and the resurrection help Christians be prepared for anything and everything?

Diving Into The Message

Live like the disciples did between the Ascension and Pentecost.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." **Acts 1:4**

All the disciples returned to Jerusalem and were waiting and watching for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. **Acts 1:14**

1. All the disciples were unified.
2. All the disciples were praying.

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection. **Acts 1:21-22**

3. All the disciples were eyewitnesses of Jesus' Resurrection.

4. All the disciples were waiting and watching.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

5. All the disciples were together in one place.

6. All the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Do not live like the disciples did between Jesus' Arrest and the Resurrection.

- Fearful and Fractured

Live like the disciples did between Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension.

- Looking and Listening

Live like the disciples between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost.

- Waiting and Watching

Life Application

1. In the Gospel of John 11:25, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Do you believe this statement? When did you believe? What led to your belief?
2. Jesus appeared to the women who went looking for him but found the tomb empty, to his disciples and to over 500 believers at one time and then to Saul on the Road to Damascus. What is significant about these appearances?
3. What stands out to you about the time after the resurrection and before the ascension? What was different about the disciples after the resurrection compared with the time after Jesus' arrest and before his death on the cross and his burial?
4. Do you know anyone who has not believed that Jesus has been resurrected?
5. Do you know anyone who claims to be a Christian but lives more like the disciples did during the time of Jesus' arrest, death on the cross and his burial?
6. After Jesus was resurrected and appeared to his disciples, how did they change?
7. Have you changed since you came to believe Jesus is the resurrection and the life?
8. Which word best characterizes your relationship with Jesus right now? Your spouse? Your close friends? A. Fearful B. Looking C. Waiting or D. Proclaiming
9. Pray asking the Lord to open doors for you to boldly share Jesus with people and that you will do it by His power and for His glory, for the salvation of lost souls!