

Sunday Gathering

He is who He says He is,
Luke 24:33-53 - Robbie
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Luke: Upside Down (2024)

Call to Worship

We continue in our celebration of the resurrection today by looking at what came next - the ascension of our Lord into heaven. The Lord came in all of his glory, showed himself to his disciples and ascended into heaven where he is now praying, pleading, and interceding for you at the right hand of the Father.

Did any of you ever grow up hearing preachers say “have you ever KNOWN THAT YOU KNOW that right now if you died you’d be in heaven?”. They’d continue on by saying “I can tell you right now, that you can know that without a shadow of a doubt, that you’ll KNOW THAT YOU’LL KNOW you’ll be in heaven with him today”.

I think the heart behind this is truly good. It’s not in any way intentionally wrong to usher people into this question. The Bible speaks of our solid identity and salvation that no one can steal away - something that we can truly rest in!

That said, we still experience doubt and unbelief every day. Even his children experience a lack of faith. We believe that God included these stories that we will study today for us to stand in awe, and to join in a community of others who experience the same unbelief that we feel sometimes.

We join together with the disciples as embodied souls walking through this life experiencing awe, confusion, and joy when we consider the Christ who came, died, resurrected and then ascended to heaven.

Now, hear this call to worship and say the underlined portions with me.

Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God’s right hand—

With angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven— Jesus, the Son of God —let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Let us praise his holy name.

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!

Alleluia, Amen!

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Victory In Jesus

Confession

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord today, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith. We so often fall hard into disbelief, or practical agnosticism as we live throughout our days. Take a moment now and confess the discord between our faith and our practice.

Now, let’s join together in this prayer:

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today’s events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, grant that, as your only Son, our Lord Jesus ascended into the heavens, so may we also set our minds on things above, where Christ is, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end

O Help My Unbelief

O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer

Sermon - Luke 24:33-53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Now Why This Fear

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Benediction

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) The Soccer Clinic will be on the four Saturdays in April from 2-5 pm there is a signup link on the social media. We would love it if you could serve. We would also love for a family group to adopt each week. See Marcus if you have any questions.

2) Antioch Academy Seeks to develop intentional gospel relationships through the regular practice of learning in community.

This spring, we are focusing on our identity as worshippers. Please join us for a three week book study through Tremper Longman's, *How to Read the Psalms*. The class will begin at 9:15 in the training room and run from 4/14-4/28. If you are interested, please register for the class using the sign-up sheet near the auditorium doors, or register at antiochpeople.org/classes

3) This May, Antioch will be offering a Preaching Lab to anyone interested in preaching. This is a great opportunity to to learn more about preaching and the process of developing and delivering a sermon. This year's Preaching Lab will focus on Preaching the Psalms. The class will begin at 8:30 in the training room and run from 5/5-5/26. Unlike our other classes, this is a strict four week commitment. If you are interested, please register for the class using the sign-up sheet near the auditorium doors, or register at antiochpeople.org/classes

If you have questions, please see Tanner Williams.

4) MCT is meeting this Thursday, the 11th, at the Gooces at 7pm. See Robbie for information

5) Remember to pick up a Who's Your One card on the side table.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

May the love of the cross, the power of the resurrection, and the presence of the living Lord be with you always. And the blessing of the eternal God, creator and sustainer, risen and ascended Lord and Savior, giver of holiness and love, be upon you now and evermore. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

You are sent.
