



WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

LOOK WHAT'S COMING

On Purpose Seminar: Race, Culture and Jesus – Come be a part of the conversation on how the Bible directs our racial and cultural engagement. Learn, listen and participate with the goal of broadening the understanding of our role in God's Kingdom agenda. Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10 a.m.-noon in the auditorium. Register on the news and events page at extendgrace.org.

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture: John 20:1-18

- Is your Jesus dead or alive?
- The stone was moved not for Jesus to get out, but for His followers to get in!
- Nobody expected no body.
- Do you hear him calling your name today?
- Jesus is alive, and He's on the loose in the world!

GET TALKING

Share about a time when you couldn't see what was right in front of you (physically, relationally, spiritually, whichever). What did it take for you to finally see it?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (choose 2 or 3)

1. Reflect on your Holy Week experience. What made you stop to consider Jesus in a new way? How has God been working in or through you this week?
 - What stands out in each version? (themes, key terms used or repeated, connections made, interactions)
 - Consider how each person reacted to hearing or seeing the tomb was empty. How do you think you might have reacted? Who do you relate to the most?
 - How was what they illustrated different or the same?
 - How can reading each account give you a clearer picture of the events that took place? What questions do you have?
2. Throughout the scriptures from this week, there is a theme of expectations. Unbelief stems from the limited understanding we have guiding our expectations. The disciples expected to see a body. They could not recognize what was right in front of them.
 - What are you looking for?
 - What keep us from hearing or seeing the truth?
3. Paul states in 1 Corinthians 15:13: "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." Consider what you believe about the Good News of Jesus: His Resurrection is real and He is alive, figuratively he was raised up, or no way Jesus was actually raised from the dead in any way.
 - What do you believe?
 - What makes it so hard to believe that we have the resurrection power of Jesus within us?
 - Where in your life's journey do you need the living Jesus to show up?

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TAKE ACTION

Assess where you are today. Where do you need to take steps in your spiritual growth? Do you need to:

- Move into deeper relationship with God asking Him to help you with your unbelief?
- Take more time in prayer to hear what God has for you?
- Spend more time in God's Word to understand the truth and grace of God?
- Go out and make Jesus known to others, spreading the Good News of Jesus?

PRAYER

Jesus is calling you by name. He wants you to turn toward Him, trust Him, and follow Him. Reflect on what has been revealed through this discussion. Tell God what you are depending on for trusting and following Him in your life. Pray with a heart of thanksgiving asking expectantly for your hope to be renewed, His resurrection power to be revealed, and your faith to be strengthened through whatever situations you are facing.

To God be the glory in Jesus' powerful name!