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Written for Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday – Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [Luke 24:1-12](#) [**Summary:** *Easter is when Jesus is among the living*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed

ASK (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- Have you ever put something where it didn't belong? [Look for yes/no answers, not stories]
- For instance, have you ever come home and were so excited to be home that you left your bag, shoes, and coat all in a lump right by the door? ... [pause] ... Yes? No? Maybe?
- And then, a little bit later, let's pretend a friend called and invited you over. So you go running to get your stuff where you left it...when...wait a minute! Your stuff is no longer there!
- So you wander around, telling yourself, "I know I left it here, where could it possibly be?"
- What do you think? Any guesses where your stuff could possibly be?
- That's right! Your Mom or Dad put it away for you.
- Just because you leave something somewhere doesn't mean that's where it was supposed to left, right?

TELL (a.k.a [The Freeway](#))

- The scripture reading that we heard today, for Easter, has a similar moment in it.
- The disciples knew where Jesus' body had been buried.
- And so, on Sunday morning, they went looking for where they had left his body, to better prepare it for his final burial.
- Except when they arrived at the place where they last left Jesus' body, it wasn't there...

- The disciples were pretty confused and upset by Jesus' missing body.
- But it turns out that being buried isn't where Jesus belonged.
- Which is why God had put Jesus back where he belonged: Among the living.
- Which is why the angels tell the disciples, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but has risen."
- What resurrection is, and what it means, is not easily or quickly understood. But one thing that *is* pretty easy to understand about resurrection is that in order to see the Resurrected Jesus, we have to look in the right places.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- One of those right places to look for Resurrected Jesus is among the living.
- Like...*here!* Right *here!*
- This is one of the main reasons why we gather together for worship every Sunday: Together, we learn and remember who Jesus was, how he paid attention to God, and what he taught us about paying attention to God.
- As we look at and learn from Jesus, then a really cool thing starts to happen: What Jesus knew and taught grows and lives in *us* and in how *we* live.
- And this is the Good News for today: Jesus lives! With the living! With us!
- Let's close with a repeat-after-me prayer...

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of Jesus.

Thank you for the gift of Jesus.

Help us to know what he knew...

Help us to know what he knew...

...so that who he is...

...so that who he is...

...can live in us.

...can live in us.

Thank you and Amen