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Easter Sunday

Lectionary Year C

**Scripture:** [Luke 24:1-12](#) [ **Summary:** *Jesus Is Among The Living* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies are 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, here, 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, when a friend invites you over to their place and you go running to get your stuff where you left it...and...wait a minute! It's not there – your stuff is no longer all in a lump right by the door!
- What do you think? Any guesses where your stuff went?
- That's right! A parent put your stuff away – most likely they put your stuff where it actually belongs.
- Just because you left something somewhere doesn't mean that's where it is meant to go, right?

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

- I mention someone putting stuff where it belongs because the same thing happens in today's scripture reading.
- In the story, we hear that the disciples knew where Jesus' body had been buried.
- And so, on Sunday morning, they went to where they had left his body so that they could better prepare it for his final burial.
- Except when they arrived at the place where they had 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 wasn't where Jesus belonged.
- Which is why God had put Jesus back where he actually belonged: Among the living.
- This is also why the angels tell the disciples, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but has risen."

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

- 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 Resurrected Jesus, we have to look in the right places.
- And what today's story reminds us is that the place to look for Resurrected Jesus is among the living.
- Like...*here!* Right *here!* Among *us!*
- One of the reasons we gather for worship on Sundays – not just this Sunday, but all Sundays – is to remind each other that Jesus is among us, among the living.
- As we learn together about who Jesus was, how he paid attention to God, and what he taught us about paying attention to God, a really cool thing starts to happen.
- We start to see how the things that Jesus taught are alive and growing in us and our lives.
- And that is the Good News for today: Jesus lives! Among the living! With us! Let's pray.

## **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 on in us.**

...can live on in us.

**Thank you and Amen**