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Resurrection of the Lord

Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [Luke 24:1-12](#) [Tags: *Easter Sunday. Resurrection.*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed.

ASK (a.k.a *The Onramp Section*)

- 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 where you came in? ... [pause] ... Yes? No? Maybe?
- And now, let's pretend that a friend called to see if you could come over. And you can. 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, muttering to 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 belongs, 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!
- They were pretty confused and upset by Jesus' missing body.

- But it turns out that a tomb isn't where Jesus belonged. And so, he wasn't there. The angels say just as much to the disciples when they say, "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*)

- So where are the right places to look for and find Resurrected Jesus? [That's a rhetorical question]
- When Jesus said, "Follow me," he was, and still is, inviting us to learn from him how to live God's better way.
- That's one reason why we gather together for worship every Sunday: To keep learning how to live God's better way.
- And, as we learn what Jesus knew, then Jesus lives on in us and in how we live. This is called living as the "Body of Christ."
- The good news is that Jesus lives. And, we can help others see that Jesus lives by paying attention to God and sharing God's good life, love and healing with those around us.

CLOSING Prayer

Let's Pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of Jesus...

Thank you for the gift of Jesus...

...who helps us to know you better.

...who helps us to know you better.

Help us to know what he knew...

Help us to know what he knew...

...so that who he is, lives in us

...so that who he is, lives in us. ...

We pray these things in your name,

We pray these things in your name,

Amen.

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