

After the Resurrection pt. 1

Acts 1:1-11

The Proof

"Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep." (1 Cor. 15:6)

"That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:2-3)

The Promise

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4)

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:25-27)

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you." (John 16:13-14)

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." (John 16:7)

The Commission

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

"This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks." (Acts 19:10)

The Ascension

"...He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." (Ephesians 1:20-23)

"So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him." (Hebrews 9:28)

"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:32-33)

Notes

Discuss

- What comes to your mind when you think about the Holy Spirit? Were there any ways that your view of the Holy Spirit was challenged during Sunday's sermon?
- What intimidates you the most about sharing the Gospel? How can knowing that Jesus' command to make disciples is also a blessing help you overcome your fears?
- What makes you long most for Christ's return? What helps you trust Him in your waiting?

Read

Ezekiel 36, John 16, Acts 2, Galatians 5

Pray

- Praise God for His work in your life and the life of our church.
- Ask God to help you and our church walk in step with the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to give you and our church boldness to be obedient to the command to make disciples.