

WEEK 5 – PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION

This week we consider some of the people who saw with their own eyes the risen Lord Jesus, following His resurrection – how amazing would that have been! This will take us from the resurrection morning, through to the time when Jesus returned to heaven.

19 Mar – **Reflect on today's sermon**

20 Mar - Mary Magdalene - John 20:11-18

QU Mary is broken and without hope. How does this change?

QU How do you find renewed hope in Jesus when you are broken and feeling in despair?

21 Mar - Emmaus Road disciples - Luke 24:13-35

QU Mary, John & Peter had told these disciples that Jesus was alive, but they did not believe it. What did it take for them to know for themselves that he was alive? How do you know that he is alive today?

QU Jesus taught them the truth about what was happening and what God was doing? How do you turn to Jesus for fresh understanding when things aren't making sense?

22 Mar - Disciples without and with Thomas - John 20:19-29

QU Both times Jesus appears, he begins by saying "Peace be with you." Why do you think he says this? How do you find peace?

QU When he sees Jesus, Thomas moves from unbelief to faith. In what areas of life might your faith need to be renewed? How can you turn your eyes to Jesus to believe again?

23 Mar - Disciples out fishing - John 21:1-14

QU Having spent over 3 years travelling with Jesus, why do you think the disciples returned to fishing? What changes when they see Jesus?

QU Jesus displays his authority and power to them as they listen to him and do what he asks. What is the result of their obedience? How do you need God's authority and power to be at work in your life? What is he asking of you?

24 Mar - Simon Peter - John 21:15-19

QU The last time Peter had a 1-to-1 moment with Jesus was when he was told that he would disown him. How do you think Peter was feeling when Jesus began to talk to him? How do you think he was feeling after the conversation?

QU How do you feel when the Holy Spirit brings conviction of ways that you have let God down? How do you feel after you have come to God and asked for forgiveness?

25 Mar - Disciples at Ascension - Acts 1:1-11

QU After a bewildering previous 40 days, what clear practical instructions did Jesus give them? Why do you think he gave them these particular instructions?

QU Consider Jesus' final words to them (v8). What challenges do you think losing the physical presence of Jesus gave to them? How did the arrival of the Holy Spirit change this and how does his presence with you change things for you?