

Jesus appears to his disciples again in Jerusalem

Week of 14th April 2024

- Read Luke 24:36b - 48.
- Where were the disciples when Jesus appeared to them this time?
- Do they have any more information or evidence about the resurrection than previously?
- Why are they so afraid when Jesus stands among them again?
- How does Jesus deal with their fears?
- Are you someone who can accept mystery, or do you need physical or rational evidence in order to accept what someone says?

'Our task is not to figure everything out or imagine every angle God might come at us from, but to stay on the road... encouraging one another with the voices and the mysteries of heaven.'

(The Spiritual Formation NRSV Bible: Page 1930)

- What is the significance of the phrase 'all nations'. (v47)
- Who are Jesus' 'witnesses'? What does it mean to be a witness? (v48)
- What are the implications for us of Jesus' physical resurrection?
(See 1 Corinthians 15)
- Close in prayer.



Jesus said to Thomas:

"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe". *John 20:29*

The Resurrection of the Dead

1 Corinthians 15:12-17

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.