

Sermon Outline
The Church of the Resurrection
The Third Sunday of Easter
Luke 24:36-49

What are the “signs of life” in the Body of Christ? Luke takes us to the moment where Christ appears in resurrection grace to comfort, strengthen, and commission his people. Here we discover the Church of the Resurrection.

I. *The Peace of the Lord* – Luke 24:36-43

- A. Jesus’ first word to his people, a word of healing and wholeness.
- B. Jesus’ proof of resurrection – not a ‘spirit’, but a real body.
 - ? Jesus resurrection does not bring forth merely a “spiritual” body, but one that is visible, one with hands and feet, one that eats and speaks peace to the fallen.
 - ? We are called to live visibly the life of the Kingdom of Christ.

II. *The Proclamation of the Lord* – Luke 24:44-47

- A. “These are my words...”: All that he has said to them on the journey
- B. “Thus it is written...”: All the OT declares
 - 1. Suffering
 - 2. Rise
 - 3. Proclaim
- C. Jerusalem to the ends of the Earth

III. *The Power of the Lord* – Luke 24:48-49

- A. Witness – the fellowship of martyrs
 - ? Jesus on trial
- B. Witness – the fellowship of the Spirit
 - ? Don’t leave home without it.

The Gospel of Luke begins with angels announcing “peace” to shepherds on a hillside and closes with Jesus speaking peace to those he is making shepherds of his Church. Where Christ speaks his peace, his shalom, where there is the faithful proclamation of the Scriptures, and where the Mission to the world God loves is at the forefront of the identity of the people (“you are witnesses”), there is found the Apostolic Community, the Church of the Resurrection.