

SERMON SERIES: Easter
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Key Line

We can either hope to find our way through life or put our hope in Jesus.

Introduction

This year has been surprising and difficult in many ways already. Those ways can remind us that things don't always turn out the way you think they will.

- What are some ways your life has turned out differently than you thought it would?
- Has your relationship with God turned out how you thought it would?

Seek the Word

Read Luke 24:13-36.

- Who appeared to the two men walking along the road at the beginning of this story? (*Jesus*)
- There are lots of explanations for why the men didn't recognize Jesus. Why do you think they didn't? (*This is opinion, so everyone can have their own answer.*)
- What did the men say they had hoped Jesus would do? What was the common misunderstanding the people at the time had about the coming of the Messiah? (*They thought he would redeem Israel. They thought he would free them from Roman occupation. They thought the Messiah would be an earthly king who would return their nation to power in the world.*)
- In verse 21, they said, "we had hoped he was the one." What are some things you have hoped for that haven't happened?
- When did the men realize who Jesus was? (*When they were eating and he broke the bread.*)
- When they went back to the other disciples in Jerusalem to tell them what had happened, who showed up in the room unexpectedly? (*Jesus*) What did he say to them? (*Peace be with you.*)
- Why do you think Jesus said, "Peace be with you?" (*Maybe he knew they would be scared that a person they thought was dead was there. Whatever the reason, he knew that we all need peace with him.*)

Read Acts 2:38.

- What is the basic way we can begin having peace with God? (*Repent and be baptized for forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*)
 - If your group or family are talking about this and would like more resources, here are a few!
 - <https://calvary.ch/follow-jesus/>
 - Would you like to talk with someone on our team? We'd love to connect you - just send a quick note to connections@calvary.ch!

Talk About It

- Scott outlined several ways to find peace with God this past weekend: deciding to take the step to follow him, deciding to be baptized, talking with someone for prayer or wisdom. What step will you take toward being closer to God and finding peace with him?