



Battles Won, Restoration Revitalized

*Restoration: Easter to Pentecost #2
(Luke 24:36-49)*

*As Jesus asks us to join Him in His world-restoring work,
He helps us overcome our natural errors and,
with His Spirit, empowers our efforts.*

I. Battles Won: Human Problems & Divine Answers

- A. Problem #1 - Spiritualizing of Jesus** v.37
 - 1. Doubt Jesus is real... more an idea...
 - 2. Answer #1 – Bodily Resurrection (see also Incarnation!) v.39ff

- B. Problem #2 – “Too Good to Be True” Disbelief** v.41
 - 1. Doubt our worth, that we could deserve such goodness and grace.
 - 2. Answer #2 – Changed Focus (from ourselves to our God) v.44

- C. Problem #3 – Deep & Persistent Ignorance of God,
His Ways & His Truth** vv.44-45
 - 1. Doubt God’s Word... Limited human wisdom
& intelligence (Total Depravity)
 - 2. Answer #3 – Supernatural Illumination v.45

II. Restoration Revitalized: War Begun Anew (against evil, sin & death)

- A. New Beginning: Completed *Rescue* Proclaimed** v.46
- B. Global Task: The Disciples’ Witness (Message
of *Rescue*, Repentance & Forgiveness Goes Out)** vv.47-48
- C. Supernatural Help: The Coming of The Holy Spirit** v.49

Additional Notes:

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” – Luke 24:45-49



**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

April 14, 2024

Service for The Lord's Day

April 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

If the previous story [that of the Emmaus Road encounter] has given the impression that the spiritual presence of Jesus is what ultimately matters, Luke redresses the balance in this narrative in which the physical reality of the risen Jesus is heavily emphasized.

- I. Howard Marshall, The Gospel of Luke, p.900

We Gather in the Name of Jesus Christ Risen from the Dead

Prelude	Nancy Tedford, piano
Greetings and Church Family News	Pastor Jay Hull
Choral Introit	Covenant Choir
Call to Worship	Lincoln Hull
	Psalm 119:33-56 (hymnal p.829)

We Worship Jesus Who Is The Christ, The Messiah

*Opening Hymn	“Welcome Happy Morning”	#268
*Time of Greeting		
Children's Prayer Time	Katie Guerrero	
Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & Gloria Patri		(#734)
Time of Offering		
Offertory Anthem	“Amazing Love” – Kendrick	
*Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving		

We Hear God's Word & Pray for The Spirit's Illumination

***Hymn of Preparation** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” #304

Gospel Reading: **Luke 24:36-49** (p.885)

Message: Battles Won, Restoration Revitalized Pastor Jay Hull
(Easter to Pentecost #2)

We Go Forth to Proclaim Repentance & Forgiveness

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** “Christ for the World We Sing” #447

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Nancy Tedford,
organ

* indicates to stand
if you are able



Hymns for April 14th

Welcome Happy Morning (#268)

- 1 "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
 hell today is vanquished; heav'n is won today.
 Lo! the Dead is living, God forevermore!
 Him, their true Creator, all his works adore.
- 2 Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
 thou, from heav'n beholding human nature's fall,
 of the Father's God-head true and only Son,
 manhood to deliver, manhood didst put on.
- 3 Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,
 tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
 come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil thy word,
 'tis thine own third morning; rise, O buried Lord.
- 4 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
 thine that now are fallen raise to life again;
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
 bring again our daylight; day returns with thee.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (#304)

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
 the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

Christ for the World We Sing (#447)

1. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 with loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn,
 the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
 whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 with fervent pray'r; the wayward and the lost,
 by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost
 from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 with one accord; with us the work to share,
 with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,
 for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 with joyful song; the newborn souls whose days,
 reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise
 to Christ belong.