



Easter Sermon Series

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Apr 12	Ben Peltz	Revolutionary Resurrection
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Easter Sermon series – Week 1

Acts 2: The Revolutionary Resurrection

Knowing the following helps us understand the revolutionary implications of the resurrection:

1. The Roman Empire had no qualms about dominating and violently maintaining their authority over others.
2. Jewish leaders were divided about how to respond to Roman dominance. Some cooperated, some isolated themselves, and some rebelled.
3. Luke and Acts were written as two parts to a continuous story of how Jesus' movement started.

Peter and his fellow disciples taught that:

1. Because God raised Jesus from the dead, God can and will raise Jesus' followers, too.
2. Because they will be raised from the dead, Jesus' followers do not need to fear violent oppression.
3. Following Jesus means confronting injustice through radical compassion.

Closing Prayer

Creator God, thank you for choosing Jesus as the Christ, for revealing your love and power through him, and for raising him from the dead when earthly powers tried to silence him. We trust that you who raised Jesus from the dead can also raise us. Help us to live in a manner that reflects that hope. Make us more and more like your son, Jesus. Amen.

Easter Sermon series – Week 2

Acts 2: The Revolutionary Relationship

This Week's Turning Point (Acts 2:37):

"They were cut to the heart... 'What should we do?'"

- Not: *What should we believe?*
- But: *What should we do?*

Core Question for Us:

What does it mean to be disciples, apostles, here and now?

- In our economic and political realities
- In our community, in this time and place
- Do people recognize Jesus in us?

What This Looks Like Practically:

- Choosing relationship over isolation
- Practicing real, generous welcome
- Caring for others up close, not at a distance
- Speaking truth with courage

Sending Question:

Do our lives together reveal the resurrection?

So that others might say: "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

Prayer

Gracious and Life-Giving God, you who raised Jesus from the dead and shattered the power of fear, you who walk beside us even when we do not recognize you, you who are made known in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes and hearts, that we may be people of compassion, courage, and truth.

Shape us, O God, into the Body of Christ, not in word alone, but in how we live, welcome, forgive, share, and in how we walk alongside others in love. When we have failed to reflect your presence, renew us by your Spirit. When we are afraid, remind us that resurrection has already begun.

Send us out into this time and place as witnesses to your life that others may come to see, to know, and to recognize Christ alive in us.

We ask this in the name of the Risen One, who meets us on the road and at the table.
Amen.

Easter Sermon series – Week 3

Acts 2: The Revolutionary Community

The church is meant to be an extended family composed of people from every conceivable background that shows what life can be like if we love God and our neighbours as ourselves.

In pursuing this calling, we can and should partner with other people who love God and their neighbours. Love is one of the few resources that increases, rather than decreasing, as more people have it!

The early church did this by:

- Continually reminding themselves that Jesus is the Christ.
- Sharing life and resources with one another.
- Holding sacred feasts.
- Interceding for one another.

Just think: If all churches actually did these things well, how much better off would the world around us be? If the church stuck to these things instead of getting caught up in power and politics, how much less damage do you think we might have caused?

Closing prayer:

Eternal, transcendent one, although you are far beyond us, you choose to meet us wherever we are at in life's journey. You reveal yourself to us in your son, Jesus.

You bless us with your presence and provision.

You celebrate and mourn alongside us. You lift us beyond our present circumstances into your abundant life. Help us to extend these same graces to one another,

Here in our gatherings, and wherever you call us to go from here.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Easter Sermon series – Week 4

Acts 2: Revolutionary Living in a Dark Culture

Stephen's witness shows us that resurrection life is not safe or comfortable—it is courageous, costly, and deeply rooted in trust.

Key Themes:

Resurrection living is shaped by the cross—faithfulness does not prevent suffering.

- Stephen reflects Christ even in death: "Into your hands I commit my spirit."
- Prayer is not about control or guaranteed outcomes, but about entrusting ourselves to God.
- We are called to respond to violence and injustice not with fear or retaliation, but with mercy and forgiveness.

A Necessary Reminder (John 14):

“Anything you ask in my name” is not a promise of getting what we want.

It is a call to be aligned with the heart of Christ.

- Faith does not make us more deserving than others. God’s response is often presence, courage, and transformation—not always rescue.

Who We Are (1 Peter 2):

- A chosen people, being built together into a sacred community.
- Rooted in Christ, the one who was rejected but is now the foundation.
- Called to show forth the beauty and mercy of God in the world.

Sending Question:

Will we trust God enough to live with courage, mercy, and forgiveness—even when it is costly?

Closing Prayer:

Faithful and merciful God, into your hands we place all that we are—our hopes and our fears, our questions and our trust. Shape us by your Spirit to live with courage, to love with mercy, and to follow in the way of Christ, even when the path is costly. Hold us in your steadfast care and make us a people who reflect your light in the world. Through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.