

May 1, 2011 Second Sunday of Easter (order of worship on the large screen)

Sermon Outline

So What? (John 20:19-31)

Introduction:

I. BY JESUS' DEATH & RESURRECTION, WE HAVE TRUE HOPE

- A. On Good Friday, Jesus won the forgiveness of all sins for all people by dying on the cross
- B. On Easter Sunday, Jesus won our victory by rising from death

II. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THIS GOOD NEWS

- A. Many people think the best way to spread the Gospel is through personal testimony
- B. Personal testimony by itself fails – Thomas the doubter

III. ONLY GOD'S WORD & HIS PRESENCE HAVE POWER TO CHANGE HEARTS

- A. Thomas
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Two disciples on the road to Emmaus

IV. WE HAVE GOD'S WORD & HIS PRESENCE AT HIS CHURCH

- A. We have God's powerful Word (Heb. 4:12; Rom 3:22-24)
- B. We have the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19-20)
- C. The reason we come to church: to hear Jesus' Word & experience His real presence

Conclusion: "It's not always about you"