



## FROM PANIC TO PEACE (Psalm 23:4)

Introduction: *Strange to talk about fear & problems just one week after Easter? (Not really)*

- I. COME WITH ME TO JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST EASTER, IN A GARDEN
  - A. We note a strange expression on Jesus' face: utter anguish (Luke 22:39-44)
  - B. As true God, Jesus knew about the coming Easter glory
  - C. As true man, Jesus knew that before Easter glory must come Friday suffering
  
- II. WE WHO KNOW EASTER GLORY ALSO KNOW SUFFERING & FEAR
  - A. Where do we turn in such times?
  - B. We turn to the One Who was in agony in a garden (Luke 22:39-44)
  - C. How loving it is of our Lord to not hide His anguish
  - D. We, however, too often try to hide or disguise our fears
  
- III. BOTH KING DAVID & OUR LORD JESUS URGE US TO TURN TO OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN
  - A. So says David in Psalm 23:4 & in Psalm 56:3
  - B. So says Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-44)
  - C. The Father did not spare Jesus from the cross – for our sake (John 3:16)
  - D. He didn't take away the cross, but He took away Jesus' fear and ---
  - E. *Christ Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!*
  - F. The risen Jesus changed His disciples' **panic to peace** as He burst through their locked doors of fear and brought his peace ("*Shalom alechem*")
  - G. He does the same for us today

Conclusion: *Today God gives us faith to join David in declaring –*  
***"[O LORD], I will fear no evil..."***