

Sermon Guide for April 5, 2026 – Resurrection Sunday

Sermon Title: “Encounters”

Primary Text: Luke 24:13-35

This week we joined Christians from around the world in celebrating the Resurrection!

On the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, two disciples (Cleopas and an un-named one) had an encounter with Jesus where the risen Savior walked them through scripture as it revealed Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection were all part of **God’s** promise *fulfilled*.

Our joy **today** is the same as it was for those on the way to Emmaus. The promises of Scripture have been and will be fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Because the promise of his **resurrection** was fulfilled, we can trust that *all* His promises will be fulfilled!

Beyond our main text, Pastor Zach referenced these passages:

Acts 1:8

Romans 8:34, 38-39

James 1:2-4

Philippians 1:6

John 14:1-3

Revelation 21:3-4

Matthew 16:18

Questions to Consider this week:

- We believe that Jesus’ Resurrection gives confidence that *all* the promises of scripture will be fulfilled. Are there some that you struggle with believing God keep? Choose **one** for this week and pray that God will give you confidence to trust in His faithfulness!
- Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, but not always the *primary* focus. Are there ways you can make the celebration of the **risen** Lord a greater priority in your week?
- The response of the two disciples was immediate and explosive: they *ran* tell the other disciples. Do you share that same excitement when you share your faith with other Christians or with those in your sphere of influence that do not believe in Jesus as Risen Lord?

Guided Prayer

*Lord Jesus, We are so grateful for the joy we experienced together as we worshipped you this Sunday. We know that there are times we will be discouraged, that it will feel like you have left us; help us to return to **Your Word** for comfort and encouragement as we go throughout our week. Give us boldness and **excitement** to share our faith with those around us even today. -AMEN*

Song for Personal Worship:

“See what a Morning” (Stuart Townend)

<https://youtu.be/9kDCHbEDvrY?si=7VCqrZJ84My59DL5>