

JESUS, SENT TO SAVE

Easter Sunday 2017

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

In the days following Jesus rising from the grave, He appeared to His disciples on multiple occasions to prove that He had indeed conquered death. On one occasion, He found Peter, who had previously professed an undying commitment to Jesus, and then later denied Him publicly, where He found him the first time they met: gone fishing.

John 21.1-14

It doesn't seem that Peter had given up his faith, but it is interesting we find him going about life, doing what he does. There was probably a lot of soul-searching going on in Peter's life. Today, we can ask ourselves, "why am I here?" "Why am I not at home, doing whatever I want to do?"

AN HONEST CONVERSATION WITH JESUS

Here in this interaction with Jesus, He asks Peter a simple question, but the answer Peter gives is not so simple. When Jesus asks, "do you love me," He uses a word for "love" that means "unconditional love." But Peter responds with a different word for "love," a word that means "like/love as a friend." He is honest, but it doesn't deter Jesus.

**We don't' come to Jesus *once* we clean up the mess of our life.
We come to Jesus *because* we have made a mess of life.**

THE BAD NEWS...AND THE GOOD NEWS

Romans 3.23 // Isaiah 59.2

The bad news is, like Peter, we've all fallen short, even of our own standards, let alone God's standards. Our sin, like a jail cell, has separated us from God. But the Good News is that God, because of His great love, created a solution.

John 3.16-18, 6.37-40, 14.6

**We have been separated from God;
Christ was sent to bridge the gap.**

As if that wasn't enough, Christ comes into our life as well to heal broken hearts, bring hope to the hopeless, and comfort, peace, and guidance to those who are going through the many challenges of life. At our church, we've come to know this, and we are here to help each other, and we would love to be able to help you as well.



NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Next week we begin a new series on the book of Jonah, which is a well-known story, but it is not just simply a book about a big fish and guy who got swallowed up, but it's a story about God's faithfulness and the relentless love and grace that He gives us.

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalms 9:1-2

¹ I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. ² I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some snacks or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. **Serving is one of the best ways we experience community** within our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You'll build friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group on a Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, **Text any amount you'd like to give to 760-621-7323**, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/give, or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall**. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **John 21.1-14** what stuck out to you from this set of verses or from the message Sunday? _____

Peter's story is fascinating, and such a great reminder for us. We can safely assume that after Peter's denial of Jesus three times, and then seeing Christ resurrected, he must have been contemplating much about his life. On Sunday, Jobey asked the question, "why are you here?," asking specifically about Easter Sunday (and Sunday gatherings in general). How would you answer that question? Why do you gather with others on Sundays?

Peter had work to do, and probably even had some shame he was living in. What kinds of things keep you (or tempt you) from being around a community of people who can help you grow and point you to Jesus?

Read **John 21.15-19** again. The word for "love" that Jesus used was "agape," which means "unconditional love." When asked if Peter loved (agaped) Jesus, Peter said, "Yes, I love you," but answered with a different word for love, the word "phileo," which is more of a brotherly or friendship type love, a lesser love than agape. Think about yourself and put yourself in Peter's shoes. How would you respond to Jesus' question, and how would you feel when He asked? _____

How does Jesus' response encourage you and relieve you?

Jesus' final words to Peter in this passage began with Him telling Peter that there was a time when Peter could do whatever he wanted, but in the future, He essentially tells Peter that his future would be for God's glory. Read **Ephesians 2.1-10**. How does the natural evolution from "dead" to "alive" finally culminate in **verse 10**? What is the fruit or result of this death to life progression?

Jesus ends by saying "follow me." On Sunday, Jobey talked about next steps for everyone: believers, non-believers, connected and unconnected. What is a "next step" you need to be taking to answer the question, "what are you doing here," as it pertains to your life in this world?



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