# **Call To Worship**

Psalm 107:1-9

Songs

Adoration: "Only A Holy God"

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# **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 23

# **Prayer**

#### Sermon

"The End Is Only The Beginning" – Jeremy Burrage Luke 24:36-53

# Response "Build My Life"

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### **Benediction**

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

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# THE END IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

LUKE 24:36-53

pattern: Confusion → Rebuke → Instruction → Witness. 1. Confusion – They basically thought Jesus was a ! 2. Rebuke – Jesus invites them to "Touch me, and see." Then He eats a piece of fish. \_\_\_\_ DON'T EAT FISH! 3. Instruction – Jesus again helps them \_\_\_\_\_ how all of the Bible is pointing to Him as the Messiah! "The solemn division of Scripture into the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms (the three divisions in the Hebrew Bible) indicates that there is no part of the Scripture that does not bear its witness to Jesus" -- Leon Morris "And again we must understand that one of the reasons Jesus taught them from Scripture was that He did not want them to rest their belief in His resurrection on their personal experience alone... Resting their faith on a miracle was not sufficient. He wanted them to ground their experience of His resurrection on the massive testimony and perspective of Scripture." -- R. Kent Hughes → Again, the resurrection is \_\_\_\_\_ that we can take God at His Word! Promises \_\_\_\_. Promises \_\_\_\_\_. Warfare, Worship & Witness Christ's ascension into Heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_ parade! Jesus is resting from His warfare. The battle has been won! The war is over! Because Jesus is resting, we can rest! PSALM 68:18-20; EPHESIANS 4:8-14; 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16 The last thing we see the disciples doing in the Gospel of Luke is ! They are worshipping God for all they have \_\_\_\_\_ and all that Jesus has helped them \_\_\_\_\_! ACTS 1:1-11 The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is of an \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom that is to go forth from us – literally – to the ends of the earth. We have been given the great opportunity to tell the world of this great that God has offered to us in Jesus Christ! Re: worship & witness... It's not an either/or. Worship is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of witness! We should always remember that worship witness.

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- 1. Confusion They basically thought Jesus was a ghost!
- 2. Rebuke Jesus invites them to "Touch me, and see." Then He eats a piece of fish. GHOSTS DON'T EAT FISH!
- 3. Instruction Jesus again helps them <u>understand</u> how all of the Bible is pointing to Him as the Messiah!

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→ Again, the resurrection is <u>proof</u> that we can take God at His Word! Promises <u>Made</u>. Promises <u>Kept</u>.

# Warfare, Worship & Witness

Christ's ascension into Heaven is a <u>victory</u> parade!

Jesus is resting from His warfare. The battle has been won! The war is over! Because Jesus is resting, we can rest!

PSALM 68:18-20; EPHESIANS 4:8-14; 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16

 The last thing we see the disciples doing in the Gospel of Luke is worshipping! They are worshipping God for all they have seen and all that Jesus has helped them understand!

ACTS 1:1-11

- The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is of an <u>ever-expanding</u> Kingdom that is to go forth from us – literally – to the ends of the earth. We have been given the great opportunity to tell the world of this great <u>salvation</u> that God has offered to us in Jesus Christ!
- Re: worship & witness... It's not an either/or. Worship is the foundation of witness!
- We should always remember that worship fuels witness.

## RESPOND

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### **FAMILY WORSHIP**

**WEEK OF APRIL 26** 

### THE END IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! – LUKE 24:36-53

### DAY 1

### Read Luke 24:36-42

#### Reflect

Jesus appears to His disciples while they're trying to understand the things they've seen and heard about His resurrection. When they first see Him they are confused, but Jesus brings peace and understanding to them. Their confusion gives way to marveling. They can't believe what they're actually seeing!

- What's something you've seen happen, were amazed, and thought, "I can't believe I just saw that!"
- What do you think went through their minds when they saw Jesus?
- How do we know they weren't just seeing a ghost or spirit?

### Respond

Pray to thank God Jesus is risen! Ask Him to continue to amaze you with the good news of Jesus - to keep marveling and having joy in it.

#### DAY 2

#### Read Luke 24:43-49

#### Reflect

Jesus goes on to explain everything in all of the Bible about Himself. It's all been fulfilled in His death and resurrection. Now this message of repentance and forgiveness can be preached fully. They will be His witnesses throughout the world. Their worship will lead them to witness!

- Can you think of something you've seen or been given that excited you so much you couldn't wait to tell other people about it?
- Why is it important to tell people about Jesus? How can you be a witness for Him?

### Respond

Ask God for opportunities to tell others about Jesus. Ask Him to increase your own love for Jesus so that talking about Him begins to come easily. Pray for those around the world (especially in the United Arab Emirates) who are witnessing about the good news of Jesus to those who haven't heard it yet.

### DAY<sub>3</sub>

#### Read Luke 24:50-53

### Reflect

The last thing the disciples see Jesus do is ascend into heaven. This doesn't mean He just floats through outer space until He gets to heaven; it's a way of talking about a victory parade for Jesus. Jesus' ascension is way of showing everyone that He has won; it's a public show that all of His enemies have been defeated and now His people are free.

- Have you ever been to a parade or something else to celebrate a big win? What made it exciting?
- Does knowing Jesus is victorious make you want to worship Him more? Why?
- Why do you think the disciples were full of joy after all this?

# Respond

Thank God that Jesus is the victor - that He has overcome all His enemies and given us rest. Pray that we would trust in what He's accomplished for us, rather than in our own strength and ability.