

It's not just an empty tomb we celebrate. Max Lucado said on that Sunday morning, when the angels appeared and the stone rolled away, "*The first breath of Christ meant the last breath of death.*"

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow.
It empties today of its strength."

Corrie Ten Boom

"Earth's saddest day and gladdest day
were just three days apart!"

Susan Coolidge

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Thank you!

Upcoming Weeks

We're a JESUS Church! A Red-Letter Year — Gospel of Luke

Jesus – Compassionate Friend

April 11 *He's a Friend of the Desperate – 8:26-56*

April 18 *He's a Friend Who Guides Us – 9:1-11*
4G Offering & Commitment Day

Jesus – Lord of All

April 25 *He's Lord of Life – 9:18-27*

May 2 *He's Lord of Hills & Valleys – 9:28-43*

May 9 *He's Lord of Our Attitudes – 9:46-62*

Invite a friend to join you!
It could be a day they'll remember for eternity!

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Jesus – Compassionate Friend # 5 ***He's a Friend of the Anxious*** **Luke 8:22-25; 12:22-32**

Introduction - What are **you** afraid of?

Luke is going to tell us about a frightening experience for the disciples of Jesus and a surprising outcome...

I. An Unexpected _____ (v. 23)

Jeremiah 10:12

Hebrews 1:3

II. An Understandable _____ (v. 24a)

In the Bible, *worry* and *fear* are not the same!

Worry is doubting God's _____, a refusal to
_____ Him ...

The Bible commands us not to worry and to turn to God when we're afraid (see **Deut. 31:6; Josh. 1:9; Isa. 41:10, 13; Matt. 6:25, 34; Phil. 4:6-7; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:6-7**).

III. An Unbelievable _____ (vs. 24b-25)

Jesus' disciples in the storm: they went to _____.

Perhaps they recalled **Psalm 65:5-7** or **89:9** or **107:23-31**.

- Sometimes He calms the storm;
- Sometimes He calms _____ ;
- He is always the answer to our fears.

Application

Mark 4:40-41 tells us that the storm made the disciples "afraid."
When Jesus calmed it, they were "terrified!" – "Who is this?" (**8:25**)

One fear we all need: Fear of _____ (**Luke 12:5**)!

"Fear of God" – Not terror – _____

Luke 5:26 "filled with awe. . ."

_____ times in the Bible: "Do not be afraid."

You can fear _____

or

you can fear this _____ ,

but there's no reason to fear _____.

Luke 12:22-32 "Do not be afraid . . ." (see **Luke 1:12, 30, 50, 74; 2:9-10; 5:10, 26**)

"The presence of fear does not mean you have no faith.
Fear visits everyone. But make fear a visitor and not a resident.

Feed your fears
and your faith will starve.
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Max Lucado

- Storms have a way of re-orienting us and re-routing us.
- God is not asking you to make a promise you cannot keep.
God is asking you to _____ a promise that only He can keep.
- Never put a comma where God puts a period, and never put a period where God puts a comma. _____ Jesus into your boat (your life).

"When we sin, our soul is wrapped in grave clothes.
Sin makes a mummy out of us and
if we keep sinning, it will weigh us down
like 100 pounds of grave clothes.
But **Jesus is calling you out** to resurrection life!"

Mark Batterson