

## Title Sermon for March 29

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### Subject

- I want you to explain something to someone, how do you start? Do you tell them everything all at once? Or do you only tell them enough to get the point across?
- Take ice for an example, how do you explain ice to someone? We could start with it's really cold, it's frozen water, it comes out of a freezer, it melts.
- Now I want you to explain ice to a man who lives on a tropical island he doesn't have a refrigerator, he doesn't own a freezer, he doesn't have electricity, the temperature where he lives never gets below 55 degrees, there is no internet or cell phone service.
- So how would we explain ice to someone who can't understand what freezing is? I know I started with a lot of questions. This was the problem Jesus had with trying to explain the resurrection to people. If you just give all the information everyone just looks at him like he has three heads and says yeah right.
- That's what the man on the island is going to think if we give him all the information about making ice. If we over explain things our brains can only take so much information before it shuts down to process what has been taken in.
- The man on the island his brain won't be able to take in everything about electricity and freezers and refrigerators, his brain will stop somewhere around the lightbulb, he will be so amazed at the little glass ball that shines bright in the dark without flickering like a fire.
- So Jesus had to explain resurrection to people so they would know what it was when it happened. Just like the guy on the island he couldn't just come out with all the information so he has to start small and work up to it.
- So Jesus starts his ministry slowly gets baptized and starts teaching about God . Then he tells them about healing sick people, then he starts to heal sick people, then he tells them they can heal sick people if they believe it will work. Then someone is dying and Jesus heals them too. Then this starts to hit really close to home, someone they all know is sick and he is bad. Jesus thinks this is it I can finally explain resurrection to everyone. So they wait you need a dead person.
- Lazarus dies. Jesus is sad but this is what he needs to do. They go to his house and Jesus does the unthinkable, he tells them to remove the stone at the tomb where

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they buried Lazarus. When they do Jesus calls Lazarus out of the grave. Not only did he use this as a teaching moment for people, He showed them what would happen at His own tomb when he would die for us and then come back. Lazarus coming back to life and walking around and talking was also a way for people to understand later when Jesus himself would reappear after he was crucified.

- Everything Jesus did he did for us. God so loved the world that He made a way for us to be forgiven, His grace covers us and we are made right with God because of one man who came to change the world. Now we need to tell everyone who hasn't heard about Jesus and God what they are missing. How do we do that? We can start by inviting our friends and neighbors to come to church. If you know someone who is struggling ask them to come to church with you. We are a family we are all brothers and sisters we have the same father. Let's act like a loving family and have someone you know or don't know invite them to church when we start having services in the church, we will do an Easter service with bells and music and a lot of the A word. So we can have a bring a buddy Sunday. So think about who you would like to ask to be your buddy for our service when the church reopens. Amen