“Resurrection? So What?”
John 20:19-28
Aftermath of “Peak” Life Experiences

Marriage! .... Followed by STUFF!

Babies born! ... Followed by dirty diapers

Graduation! ... Followed job stress, “Life”!

Life presents mountains and valleys – and a LOT OF “NORMAL!”
The Disciples Immediately Following the Resurrection ... 

Laying low behind closed doors ... (John 20:19) 
** Jesus still found them! 😊

Working through doubts ... (John 20:27) – “be not unbelieving, but believing...”

Punished, martyrs for the their new faith! 
(Acts 4:3 (jail); Acts 7:58, Acts 8:3)

Post – resurrection life “possibilities”
Resurrection Peace!

**God is on the throne** – Romans 8:28 –
“And we know that God causes all things...”

“In the world you have tribulation”
(John 16:33)

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you...” (John 14:27).
Enemies of Peace

**Inner conflicts** – guilt, shame, sorrow over inadvertent sin (1 John 1:9)

**Relationship conflicts** – (Romans 12:18)
“If possible... be at peace with all men”

**Circumstantial adversities** – ISIS, North Korea economy, politics, medical, finances....
Resurrection **Power** to Live In =
The Holy Spirit! vs. 22

Resurrection flips “want to” into “how to!”

KEY: “**Receive** the Holy Spirit!” vs. 22

The Spirit comes:
* at regeneration (John 3:3,6) “born of the Spirit”
* can be quenched, grieved, resisted
  (1 Thess. 5:19, Ephesians 4:30, Acts 7:51)

**Fresh refilling** **required** – (Ephesians 5:18)
Resurrection Power = Holiness!

“I have been crucified with Christ...” (Gal. 2:20).

“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).
The Presence of Jesus Drives Out Sin – Holiness and Sin Do Not Co-Exist!

God’s will – “conformed to image of His Son”
(Romans 8:29)

Sin
Confession
Repentance
New Start!

(John 14:21)
Resurrection **Purpose**! Vs. 21

“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you”

(John 20:21).

Q: **How** did the Father send the Son?

** light into darkness – “Word made flesh”

** in humility – (Matthew 20:29)

“not to be served, but to serve...”

** sacrificially – (John 3:16)
What Did The Church “Do” In the Spirit?

“And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection the Lord Jesus...” (Acts 4:33)

...“you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching” (Acts 5:28) = “light in darkness!”

“...unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3).
Activities Spring From Our Purpose

Ministry opportunities at hand

* Youth talent show – next Sat. night April 29th
* Senior Adult Sunday, April 30th
* Children’s musical – “Ultimate Superstar”
  Sunday night May 7th
* Mother’s Day – May 14th bfast, baby dedication
* Homecoming – May 21st
* VBS – June 4th – June 8th
The **Ultimate** Resurrection Difference:

* Victory over death – (Romans 6:4)
* Seeing the saints in eternity! (John 14:2-3)

* **Onset** of God’s Kingdom on earth...
  “of His Kingdom there will be no end”
  (Isaiah 9:7)

* Devil’s works destroyed - (1 John 3:8)