



**Growth Group Questions**  
**March 31, 2024**  
**“Jesus Will Show Up”**

**Context**

The apostles are back in what is probably the room where they celebrated the Lord’s Supper a few nights earlier. Other followers of Jesus had just arrived and are sharing about how they had just walked with the risen Lord on their way to Emmaus and how when he had broken the bread, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him for who he was.

As the apostles are listening to this story Jesus shows up in the room. He does not use the door. He just appears. They think he is a ghost and are terrified. Jesus seeks to reassure them that he has been raised from the dead just like he told them he would. He asks some questions and says look at my hands and my feet.

He then does something surprising. He asks for something to eat. He took the broiled fish they gave him and ate it. This shows us that the resurrected body will really resemble the body that we have. Resurrection of the body means that we will have bodies and not just be some ethereal spirit floating around in the heavens. The apostle Paul has more to say about the resurrected body in 1 Corinthians 15.

Jesus then goes through the story again reminding the apostles that the law, prophets, and Psalms had to be fulfilled. And just like on the Road to Emmaus, he opened up their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures.

Jesus tells them they are witnesses to all of this and their work is not done. Easter is a great day, but it is just the beginning. The call and challenge given to the disciples is to leave the room they are in, and to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations. Their story begins with being a witness of the resurrected Christ, but their story continues as they make their way into their society to share the good news that Christ has been raised from the dead.



## **Scripture and Quotes:**

### **Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

### **2 Corinthians 1:20-22**

<sup>20-22</sup> Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus. In him, this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, God’s Yes and our Yes together, gloriously evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us. By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.

### **Mark 5:38-42**

<sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” <sup>40</sup> But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). <sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

### **Revelation 3:20**

<sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

### **N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense***

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## Questions:

1. The title of this week's sermon is "Jesus Will Show Up." What does that phrase mean to you?
2. Think back through the life of Jesus as presented to us in the Gospels. What happened when Jesus showed up in a specific location?
3. In *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*, N.T. Wright said: "When Jesus himself wanted to explain to his disciples what his forthcoming death was all about, he didn't give them a theory, he gave them a meal." Why do you think Jesus chose a meal rather than a theoretical explanation?
4. 2 Corinthians 1:20 says: "Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus." What is the "Yes of Jesus"?
5. Pastor Paul said that Jesus speaks the "Yes and Amen" over our lives. What do you think that means?
6. As you read Revelation 3:20, what images or thoughts come to your mind?
7. In Revelation 3:20, Jesus said: "If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." What is the significance of this statement to you?
8. What can each of us do to make more room for Jesus in our lives?

