

2026-04-12 Points

Title: Beyond Salvation: Living Out the Resurrection and Telling Others

Sermon Summary: This sermon challenges believers to move beyond merely accepting salvation to actively living out their faith by sharing the gospel with others. The pastor emphasizes that while salvation through Christ's resurrection is foundational, Christians are called to more than passive belief—they must die to themselves daily and boldly proclaim Jesus to all nations. Drawing from the post-resurrection accounts in Luke 24, the message confronts the tendency to remain silent about faith due to fear, complacency, or self-centeredness. The sermon stresses that true faith produces fruit through transformed lives and witness to others. It calls the congregation to examine whether their love for Christ compels them to speak about Him, or whether they've allowed worldly pressures to silence their testimony. The pastor warns against taking salvation for granted while doing nothing with it, reminding listeners that Jesus commanded His followers to go and tell all nations about Him.

Key Points:

- Fellowship and gathering together as believers is essential for spiritual growth and accountability
- The resurrection of Jesus should transform how we live, not just what we believe
- True salvation produces fruit—if there's no fruit, examine whether you truly know Christ
- Christians have reduced the gospel to only salvation, ignoring the call to live transformed lives
- Silence about Jesus often reveals either lack of true knowledge of Him or lack of care
- We fear people's opinions more than we fear God, which keeps us from sharing our faith
- Jesus commanded His disciples to preach repentance and forgiveness to all nations
- The Holy Spirit empowers believers to speak boldly about Christ
- We cannot live the Christian life alone—we need the body of Christ and the

Holy Spirit

- Loving Jesus means telling others about Him; our loyalty should match His sacrifice
- The Tower of Babel story shows how God created nations by confusing languages, and now we're called to reach all those nations with the gospel
- Death to self is not optional but essential for following Christ
- We talk freely about everything else but remain silent about the greatest thing that happened to us

Scripture Reference:

- Luke 24:1-49 (primary focus—the resurrection account and Jesus appearing to disciples on the road to Emmaus)
- John 15 (the vine and branches—bearing fruit)
- Genesis 11 (Tower of Babel and the creation of nations)
- Hebrews (not forsaking the gathering of believers)
- 2 Timothy 3-4 (people gathering teachers to tell them what they want to hear)
- James (faith without works)

Stories:

- The women discovering the empty tomb and being the first to tell about the resurrection, though the disciples didn't believe them
- Peter running to the tomb to verify the women's testimony
- Two disciples walking to Emmaus discussing Jesus' crucifixion when Jesus joins them unrecognized
- Jesus opening the scriptures from Moses through the Prophets, showing how they all pointed to Him
- Jesus revealing Himself when He broke bread with the disciples
- Jesus appearing to the gathered disciples, showing His hands and feet to prove He was not a ghost
- The Tower of Babel—humanity united with one language attempting to build a tower to heaven, resulting in God confusing their languages and scattering them into nations
- Jason's testimony of his transformed life leading a coworker to Christ and baptism
- Andrew giving up all drinks except water for a year after learning about

water scarcity at CIY

- The missionary boy who came to America and couldn't use the toilet because it would be the most valuable possession in his village
- Peter walking on water until he lost sight of Jesus