

Easter After Glow: Seeing Is Believing

John 11: 1-16, John 14: 1-6, John 20: 19-23, 28-29
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Intro: In God's Presence

The W became flesh and T for a while among us.

We have seen his D, the G of the one and only Son.

I. The C of T.

- A. The Religious leaders wanted to S Jesus.
- B. It is better for one man to D than a whole people perish.
- C. Thomas: Let us also go that we may D with him.

II. The C of Thomas

- A. Thomas never asked for what the disciples were not already T.
- B. Jesus promised to send the C to guide us.
- C. That's Paraclete not P!!

III. The C of Thomas.

- A. When the 10 saw Jesus they were A.
- B. Seeing is believing, or is it?

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- Read Philippians Chapter 2. Spend some time this week thinking about the Incarnation. The Word became flesh and tabernacled with us- but at what price?
- Jesus made Himself nothing and did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. Read II Kings 6:24-31. What did this earthly king, up on the wall, do to show he felt the pain of his people?
- In what way has Jesus done this for you?
- Focus on Philippians 2:14-18. We live in a world surrounded by people who do not know Christ. How does God make it possible for us to shine, to share the light of His glory with others??
- As God's People wandered in the wilderness it was important for them to not lose sight of God. A professor once describe God's people as being "syncretistic". I had to look it up and there was no Google Search back then!
- It was important that the people of Israel never take their eyes off of God. They were always surrounded by those who worshipped false gods. What did they usually end up doing?
- Read Exodus 36:8-19. What two materials did God command the people to use for the outside tent covering of the Tabernacle?
- Here's a search for you - where in the world did they find the second item?
- Read Ezekiel 37: 1-14, "The Valley Of The Dry Bones". The OT word Ruach is translated as "spirit" "wind" and "breath". Count how many times these forms are used in a play on words in this text.