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| Psalm 4Luke 24:36-44 | “At the feet of Jesus” | Pinelands – 9am - 14/04/2024Thornton – 10:30am – 14/04/2024  |

**I am not going to ask** if you **remember last week’s sermon…**

So here is ***a recap…***

 The Bible reading was **John 20…**

 Jesus appears to the disciples in the upper room.

 **Thomas** is not there and he...

 ***DOUBTS*** the appearance

 Then a week later in the upper room…

 Jesus appears again and Thomas is present

Then we looked at… ***3 Doubt Defeaters…***

 Ideas of how to overcome Doubt…

1. **Guard yourself** **in Low Times**
2. **Draw Strength** **from Others**
3. **Do whatever you can** to **Meet the Risen Lord**

As part of my preparation I was reading this passage…

 **READ - Luke 24:36-44**

**Verse 40** really struck me… ***“He said this and showed them***

 ***His hands and his feet.”***

And then this thought entered my head…

 ***“How many times were people’s needs met***

 ***At the feet of Jesus.”***

**What do we find at the Feet of JESUS ?**

**At the Feet of Jesus we find… A Place of Comfort**

As **Jesus** appears to his disciples…

 He says… ***“Peace be with you.”***

He brings them Comfort.

 The assurance of… He is Who He says He is.

 He shows them his **hands** and ***FEET.***

 He assures them He is NOT a ghost.

In the Mystery of all that they are facing…

 Their confusion / Anxiety / Wonder / Fear…

 ***Jesus brings COMFORT***

**At the Feet of Jesus we find… A Place of PEACE**

**Luke 8:35**… **Jesus** has just healed a man with demons who

Lived among the graves…

 ***“People went out to see what had happened, and when***

 ***they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom***

 ***the demons had gone out sitting at the FEET of Jesus,***

 ***clothed and in his right mind.”***

**Do you need Peace?**

 In the Turmoil and Busyness of life…

 In the Chaos and Demands of life…

 In the Tension of Uncertainty and Illness…

 Do you need Peace?

 ***Jesus brings PEACE***

**At the feet of Jesus we find…**

 **a Place of MERCY and FORGIVENESS**

**In Luke 7…** We read a story…

Of a Prostitute *(sinful woman)* who interrupts

**Jesus’** dinner with Simon the Pharisee

 ***“She stood behind Jesus, by his FEET, crying and wetting***

 ***His feet with her tears. Then she dried his feet with her***

 ***hair, kissed them, and poured the perfume on them.”***

***(vs 38)***

Later on in the passage **Jesus says** to the woman…

**Verse 48… *“Your sins are forgiven.”***

At Jesus’ ***FEET…***

Our pasts are dealt with…

 Jesus ***KNOWS*** your past, your Sin

At Jesus’ ***FEET…***

 We are set free… of Guilt and Burden

 We all need it…

 And it is Available to ALL

 **At the *FEET* of Jesus…**

 We find **Mercy and Forgiveness.**

**At the Feet of Jesus we find… A Place of Hope**

A Gentile woman who was so filled with faith…

 Comes to Jesus on behalf of her daughter…

***“A woman, whose daughter had an evil spirit in her,***

 ***heard about Jesus and came to him at once and***

 ***fell at his FEET.”*** Mark 7:25

***When…*** All the chips are down…

 Struggling with illness or death

 There seems no way out…

 Business is falling apart

 Circumstances are overwhelming us

 All options have been exhausted…

 You do not know where to turn

 Confused with all the options available…

**At the FEET of JESUS… We find Comfort, Clarity**

 **AND… HOPE**

**At the FEET of Jesus we find… A Place of Suffering**

We have just come out of Easter where Jesus’ hands and ***FEET***

were pierced as He died on the cross for us…

Remember and picture these words from **Psalm 22:16…**

***“An evil gang is around me; like a pack of dogs they***

 ***close in on me; they tear at my hands and feet.”***

Jesus’ ***FEET*** remind us of His Suffering.

 Jesus SUFFERED…

 He knows our ***Suffering…***

 Illness, Grief, Death

 Fear and Concern for our Children

 Struggles in this World

**Jesus’ FEET…** Remind us of his ***Suffering***

That brings us to the next point…

**At the Feet of Jesus we find… a Place of Resurrection Power**

On two occasions people fall at Jesus’ ***FEET*** and Jesus responds

With **Resurrection Power…**

 **John 11:32…** Mary at the grave of Lazarus…

 **Mark 5:22…** Jairus pleading for his daughter…

***In both cases…***  people are raised back to life.

At Jesus’ ***FEET*** we find… a place of **Resurrection Power**

Whatever our Struggle / Issue / Hardship…

 There is the promise of ***LIFE after Death***

 **Resurrection Power…**

 The seed must Die for the Tree to Grow

 We only know HAPPINESS…

because we experience SADNESS

 We only know LIFE…

 Because we experience DEATH

 We only know JOY…

 Because we experience PAIN

At Jesus’ ***FEET…*** we will always find…

…More than we have now

 **…Resurrection Power.**

**At the FEET of JESUS we find… A Place of Worship**

**Matt 28:9…** Early on Easter Sunday morning

Jesus appears to the two Marys after they have

been to the tomb…

***“Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Peace be with you."***

 ***They came up to him, took hold of his FEET, and***

 ***worshiped him.”***

It always comes back to **JESUS…**

 ***AND…*** Our **WORSHIP** of Him.

**Finally…** **Everything is under Jesus’ Feet**

**Ephesians 1:21-22**

***“Christ rules there above all heavenly rulers, authorities,***

 ***powers, and lords; he has a title superior to all titles of***

 ***authority in this world and in the next.***

 ***God put all things under Christ's FEET and gave him to***

 ***the church as supreme Lord over all things.”***

**Psalm 4 Evening Prayer for Help**

Answer me when I pray,

 O God, my defender!

When I was in trouble, you helped me.

 Be kind to me now and hear my prayer.

How long will you people insult me?

 How long will you love what is worthless

 and go after what is false?

Remember that the Lord has chosen the righteous for his own,

 and he hears me when I call to him.

Tremble with fear and stop sinning;

 think deeply about this,

 when you lie in silence on your beds.

Offer the right sacrifices to the Lord,

 and put your trust in him.

There are many who pray:

 “Give us more blessings, O Lord.

 Look on us with kindness!”

But the joy that you have given me

 is more than they will ever have

 with all their grain and wine.

When I lie down, I go to sleep in peace;

 you alone, O Lord, keep me perfectly safe.

**Luke 24:36-44** **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, “Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have.”

He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true.”

***AT THE FEET OF JESUS***

***WE FIND…***

**POWER**

Large crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the dumb, and many other sick people, whom they placed at Jesus' feet; and he healed them. (Mat 15:30)

**WORSHIP**

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Peace be with you." They came up to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. (Mat 28:9)

**RESURRECTION POWER**

Jairus, an official of the local synagogue, arrived, and when he saw Jesus, he threw himself down at his feet. (Mar 5:22)

Mary arrived where Jesus was, and as soon as she saw him, she fell at his feet. "Lord," she said, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died!" (Joh 11:32)

**HOPE**

A woman, whose daughter had an evil spirit in her, heard about Jesus and came to him at once and fell at his feet. (Mar 7:25)

**MERCY AND FORGIVENESS**

And stood behind Jesus, by his feet, crying and wetting his feet with her tears. Then she dried his feet with her hair, kissed them, and poured the perfume on them. (Luk 7:38)

**HEALING**

The woman saw that she had been found out, so she came trembling and threw herself at Jesus' feet. There in front of everybody, she told him why she had touched him and how she had been healed at once. (Luk 8:47)

**THANKSGIVING**

He threw himself to the ground at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. (Luk 17:16)

**LEARNING**

Then Mary took a whole pint of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard, poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house. (Joh 12:3)

**PEACE AND HEALING**

When he saw Jesus, he gave a loud cry, threw himself down at his feet, and shouted, "Jesus, Son of the Most High God! What do you want with me? I beg you, don't punish me!" (Luk 8:28)

He said this because Jesus had ordered the evil spirit to go out of him. Many times it had seized him, and even though he was kept a prisoner, his hands and feet tied with chains, he would break the chains and be driven by the demon out into the desert. (Luk 8:29)

People went out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were all afraid. (Luk 8:35)

**SUFFERING**

“An evil gang is around me; like a pack of dogs they close in

on me; they tear at my hands and feet.” (Ps 22:16)

**WORSHIP**

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