

SERMON NOTES

6th Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C * February 13, 2022

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Jeremiah 17:5-10 * Psalm 1 * 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 * Luke 6:17-26

If He Rose

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, we're wasting our time being here, our faith is useless, and we're ALL liars. 1 Corinthians 15:14-15

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, we won't either. 1 Corinthians 15:16

The Old Testament promises were for life H___ and N___.

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then our faith is useless, and we are still guilty of all our sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17

John the Baptist called Jesus "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

Jesus said, "I come to give my life as a ransom for many" Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45

He was wounded for our mistakes. He was bruised for our sins. Surely he took our sorrows upon himself. And by his suffering we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

If only for THIS life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than anyone. 1 Corinthians 15:19

If he didn't rise, then let's eat, drink, and party hearty, because tomorrow we die. 1 Corinthians 15:32

BUT Jesus HAS indeed been raised from the dead! He is the firstfruits of all who have died. 1 Corinthians 15:20

Next Week's Lessons

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 * Psalm 37:1-18 * 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
* Luke 6:27-38

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. Of all the holidays of the year, which is your favorite? And why?
2. How would your life be different, if Jesus weren't a part of it?
3. How is your life any different because Jesus is a part of it?
4. Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead? Why or why not? And what difference does that make for you?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for that holiday you celebrate.
 - ✦ For eyes to see the risen Jesus in the world around you.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.