



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

April 30, 2026

THIS WEEK

ALL AUTHORITY

SERMON SERIES

PRAYER CONCERNS

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05/03/26 SUNDAY VOLUNTEER

ALL AUTHORITY

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6 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

~Matthew 28:16-20

On Sundays, we have been looking at Luke's resurrection account. Two key verses in Luke and Acts give you some insight into Jesus' teaching and ministry during His forty days on the earth. Luke 24:45 tells us that Jesus, "...opened their mind to the Scriptures." We also see that this is connected to how they point to Him (Luke 24:27). Luke also tells the reader in Acts 1:3 that He taught them about the kingdom of God.

What are they supposed to do with this understanding of scripture and the kingdom of God? Luke says that they are to be "witnesses" for Jesus "to the end of the earth." This is a big ask for a bunch of Galilean

fisherman, zealots, tax collectors, and skeptics. On top of all that, they were a man down!

Matthew closes his gospel with something that has come to be known as The Great Commission. Here, he shares some specific direction these men received to witness to the ends of the earth. If you look at the timeline, it was a time before Jesus sent them back to Jerusalem for the Ascension and Pentecost. Movies show Jesus Ascending after The Great Commission, which makes sense. However, that's not the timing we read in the gospels.

First, note that the eleven gathered where Jesus "directed them." There were eleven, because Judas had committed suicide before the resurrection. This is why they were short of a full team. We also see that Jesus led them to Galilee. Luke has them in the upper room until they go out to the Mount of Olives for the Ascension. Matthew, Mark, and John share about their adventures in Galilee, including going fishing!

Matthew shares that the disciples worshiped Jesus. This is a huge transition. There is also a distinct transition from the normal title used

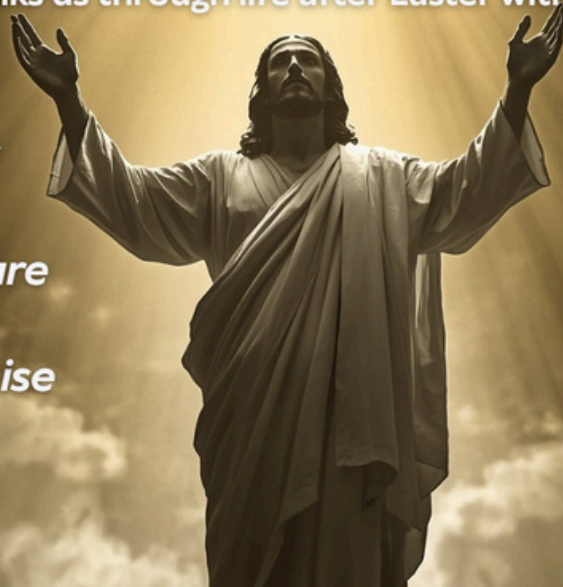
pre-resurrection of "rabbi," to the post-resurrection title of "Lord." Matthew wants readers to know it wasn't just hugs and handshakes at this reunion, but also worship was AND is owed to Jesus. Worship is central for disciples to trust that they can witness and accept The Great Commission!

Next, we find something we (Methodists) often skip. We move to making disciples, which is the highest calling! However, Jesus' emphasis tells the reader of the importance of this next verse: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me (vs. 19)." This is the game-changer. How can they witness? Where does their authority to offer invitations to the kingdom of God come from? How could fishermen become fishers of men? This is all because Jesus doesn't have limited authority. Our Lord has ALL authority, and He empowers disciples with this!

Let us remember: making disciples and witnessing is only possible by the One who sits at the right hand of power on the throne of heaven. Spend some time thinking and praying about what this means for us. Jesus, Himself, is worthy of our worship and has all authority to implement the will of God. Jesus is so amazing! Praise Him!

Jesus Rising

How can so much happen in 50 days?
Jesus rose from death to life and from earth to heaven.
What was the impact of Jesus Rising on the apostles' faith, and ours today?
Join us as Luke walks us through life after Easter with the Risen Messiah.



April 12 Proof
Luke 24:36-43

April 19 Prepare
Luke 24:44-49

April 26 Promise
Acts 1:1-5

May 3 Parting
Luke 24:50-53 &
Acts 1:6-11

May 10 Prayer
Acts 1:12-14

May 17 Promotion
Acts 1:15-25



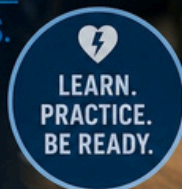
AED INSTRUCTION

BE PREPARED. BE AWARE. SAVE LIVES.

 **SUNDAY, MAY 3RD**

 **11:30 AM**

AT ONE HOPE CHURCH



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

PRAYER CONCERNS

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” ~ Philippians 4:6

Prayers for:

Justin E., and the boys as they await a decision regarding the boys placement

Nancy P, inoperable brain tumor, acquaintance of Carolyn E.

Susan H., in rehab at Stratford Commons, Carolyn E.’s sister

Kelly, pancreatic cancer, Sheryl A.’s friend

Pam F., dealing with health challenges

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P’s sister

Sara J.’s mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David P’s friend



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God’s guidance as we continue to invite and welcome those seeking Hope in Jesus

Heartland GMC Annual Conference
6/3-6/6 at Pathway Church in Wichita, Ks

God’s continued blessings upon the Central Korean GMC

Una Esperanza, as they begin worship and their ministry at One Hope Church

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Nigerian Christians, who have suffered much persecution

Peace for all nations at war

05/03/26 VOLUNTEERS

Children’s Church

Michelle G.

Fellowship Time - Coffee & Treats

Michelle G.

Liturgist

Dana G.

Ushers

Dana G, Randall S., Jim W.

Audio & Video

Lisa S., Holly R.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study | 9:00am

Prayer | 9:45am

Fellowship Time | 10:00am

Sunday Worship | 10:30am

Children’s Church | 10:45am

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