

“He Is Here”

Text Matthew 28:20, Pew Bible Pg. 1550

The objective of this study has been the same as the Apostle Paul mentioned in Philippians 3, that we will know him and become like him.

The resurrection of Jesus was a physical, bodily resurrection.

What made the difference? What changed the disciples from being cowards to being courageous?

The primary reason for the radical transformation in the lives of the early apostles is that they had a first-hand, face-to-face encounter with the risen Christ. Ref: Romans 8:38, 39

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

Where is Jesus today? Physically, he's seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. You can encounter his presence every day of your life — because he is with you always.

Three ways you encounter the presence of the risen and living Christ.

1. You encounter his presence through the _____ of the Holy Spirit. Ref: Acts 1:5, 8; John 14:16

The believers experienced the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is where the power to live the Christian life comes from. Without the Holy Spirit we are powerless.

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (John 14:18) I will come to you.

Jesus is saying that to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with my presence. I will be with you.

We talk about asking Jesus to come into your heart. There's a sense in which that's what happens, exactly. Jesus comes to dwell in your spirit through the Holy Spirit. You pray to a God who is right here with you, all the time He is here.

2. You encounter his presence through the _____ of believers Ref: Matthew 18:20

Whenever we come together as God's people, we can be sure that he is here among us. Ref: Psalm 22:3 KJV

God inhabits the praises of his people. When the community of faith comes together in his name, he joins the party. He is here.

We don't have to wonder if he's coming. We don't have to wait for him to show up. We just have to acknowledge his presence among us.

3. We encounter through those who need our _____.Ref: Matthew 25:34-40

The compassion you show to another, Jesus will receive for himself.

When you receive Jesus, and are baptized he takes up residence in your spirit through the Holy Spirit. Ref: John 14:6;
Matthew 28:20