

## Finding Peace in Life Luke 24:36-53

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In the midst of the mess of Palm Sunday, Jesus declares: *“If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes.”* Luke 19:42

### The Peace of Jesus

- Relational peace between us and God
- Relational peace between us and others
- The peace of forgiveness
- The peace of unconditional love and acceptance
- The peace of freedom from our enemy
- The peace of a secure future

### 1. The Peace that Comes with Forgiveness

- 2 Cor. 5:21; Is. 53:6; 1 John 1:8-9; 2 Chron. 7:14; Psalm 32
- We have contracted a fatal heart disease – SIN
- The problem that God faces is not who can I punish for this mess but how can I bring healing to a world he loves
- This is not so much a legal issue but a reality issue
- Jesus comes to reveal the Father’s love for us and in dying for us provides a way for us to be healed from our sin-sick hearts

- **When we accept God's loving offer of forgiveness, we are cleansed (healed) because of Jesus' death & resurrection**
- **Every time we confess and seek forgiveness, we experience more of that cleansing (healing)**
- **Forgiveness brings peace by restoring our relationship with God and others and by relieving feelings of guilt and sorrow**

## **2. The Peace that comes with unconditional love and acceptance**

- **John 3:16; Rom. 5:8**
  - **Confronting the lies that God is vengeful and cannot be trusted**
  - **Receiving the truth that God has been wooing us from the beginning and continues to woo us...He's in love with us!**
  - **This kind of perfect love casts out fear and worry and increases peace**
  - **There is no greater demonstration of God's love than Jesus giving up his life for us on the cross**
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## **3. The Peace that comes with the defeat of our enemy – Satan.**

- **1 John 3:8; Heb. 2:14-15; Romans 8:1**
  - **The cross is the ultimate act of good overcoming evil**
  - **Satan's power over us is the power of a lie – God is not for us; He's holding out on us; There is a better way to go; We can do better on our own; We don't need God; We're not good enough for God; He doesn't love us; There is no eternity**
  - **Believing these lies is the beginning of fear and the end of peace**
  - **Jesus has broken the power of Satan's lies and freed us from his bondage**
  - **The death and resurrection of Jesus settles the question – Jesus is more powerful than Satan; The truth is God loves us and is for us; Death is not the end of life; Our future is secure in Christ**
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