

ACTS 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

1 JOHN 3:1-7

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'

LUKE 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



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**Touch
me
and
see.**
Luke 24:39

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Morning Worship: Roster

	14 th April 2024	21 st April 2024
Leader	Tony Olinsky	Iris Ballard
Music	Rosemary Akesson	Elizabeth Prosser
Entry of Bible	Iris Ballard	Robyn Herdegen
Acknowledgement of Country	Joan Lovett	Ailsa Liffman
Stewards	Joan & Royce Lovett	Anne Olinsky & Ailsa Liffman
Reader	Joan Winwood	Shirley Bazley
Pastoral Prayer	Iris Ballard	Ailsa Liffman
Morning Tea	Anne Olinsky & Ana Topic	Joan & Royce Lovett
Projection	Jeff Haynes	Tony Olinsky
Flowers	Robyn Herdegen	Shirley McLennan
Lectionary	Acts 3: 12-19 1 John 3: 1-7 Luke 24: 36-48	Acts 4: 5-12 1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18

Regular Activities

Morning Worship: 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am

Holy Communion: 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and 2:30pm at Wyndham

Imlay House Service: 2:00pm, 3rd Thursday of the month - helpers would be appreciated - see Rev Jean.

Tura Beach Op Shop: Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Uniting Church Tai Chi 108: Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley

Uniting Church Dance Group: Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and Friday mornings at 9 am Contact Pam Jordan 0475 191 923 for details.

'Blokcs United' Coffee Morning - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)



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Church Council Meeting: Thursday 18th at 2:00pm. All welcome

The regular 3rd Thursday of the month Imlay Services will continue while Rev Jean is on leave. Pastor Bronson Symes will be leading the service, and any helpers would be appreciated, as usual - Thursday 18th April, 2.00pm service.

John and Becky and Alf and Joan will soon be travelling back to the North American summer. We wish them well, safe travels and look forward to their return later this year for the southern hemisphere summer.

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

One theme of our text for this week is how one distinguishes between reality and fiction, truth and lies. For the disciples of Jesus, this was a life and death question. They had staked their lives on the truth of who Jesus was and the message he preached. Now he was dead, thanks to lies and trumped-up charges. How were they to determine who or what stood before them now? What is true and what is lies is a crucial question in our time when counterfeit realities surround us. Jesus's antidote to lies and unreality is touching and seeing. What does this mean in practice for us as communities of faith? How do we touch and see to determine truth? And how do we do this together and not just as individuals?

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!" - *Unknown*