

Weekly Rhythm

Engaging with the weekly Lectionary Readings (Comment and Questions)

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We are exploring the meaning of resurrection and the difference it may make in the way we live our daily lives. As you reflect on the readings this week consider this quote:

Philip Yancey in his book "The Jesus I never knew" explores Easter faith. He concludes: "There are two ways to look at human history. One way is to focus on the wars and violence, the squalor, the pain and tragedy and death. From such a point of view, Easter seems a fairy-tale exception, a stunning contradiction in the name of God..."

There is another way to look at the world. If I take Easter as the starting point, the one incontrovertible fact about how God treats those whom he loves, then human history becomes the contradiction and Easter a preview of ultimate reality. Hope then flows like lava beneath the crust of daily life." (Philip Yancey)

As you read ask how you are being challenged to move into the second way of looking at human history:

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32.](#)

Peter declares the resurrection of Jesus to a crowd amazed at the signs of the Spirit's presence and power.

[Psalm 16](#)

[1 Peter 1:3-9.](#)

We have been born anew and granted an imperishable inheritance in the Risen Lord.

[John 20:19-31.](#)

This story is not only about Thomas, but about Jesus Christ. It reminds us, the body of Christ, to go to similar lengths to show the signs of Christ's resurrection to those who doubt so they may come to believe.