

[00:00:00] Speaker A: Welcome to the Hope Church Glasgow Sunday podcast. We pray you encounter God's love afresh today. Find out more about us@hopechurchglasgow.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram. Now, please enjoy this week's podcast

[00:00:17] Speaker B: this morning. This is our Luke finale.

And so here we go. I'm going to move the curtain. Hold on. So this is Luke finale. Peace, promise and praise.

But just before we get into the text and look at what we're going to. I was just. I've been thinking just in the worship, you know, why is. Why is the resurrection like, to me, like, what would be one thing that just recently has wrecked me about why Jesus rising from the dead and saying to the disciples, wait until power comes on you and you're clothed. Like, just something in my life, what has made me be like, wow, I'm so glad you did that, Jesus. And I was just thinking, oh, I was in Brazil. I don't know if I've shared this one here or not. I get confused as to who I've shared stories with. But when I was in Brazil just in December, there was a girl who came forward for prayer. And I think these are the moments where I just think, wow, Holy Spirit, I'm so glad Jesus was like, it's better that I go and send the Holy Spirit, because then God can do things in Brazil. He can do things in us right here, right now. And this girl had had two tendinopathy in her arm and hadn't been able to use it. She'd been in a lot of pain, couldn't sleep properly, and she'd had that for 20 years.

And I was just like, oh, man, my heart just went out to her. I'm like, that is horrendous. Like 20 years of your arm. And when I was just asking a few more questions. She thinks it started when she was at university and had been doing a lot of writing for exams, and something just went wrong with the nerves and it just was a problem. And we prayed for her. Her husband was there with us, so he joined in. We prayed for her and got her to check it out. And she was like, oh, feeling tingling and heat. And we prayed again. And then all of the pain left and she got full mobility back in her arm. And what she said, and I'll never forget it, she just stood there and she was like, I don't know what to do with my arm because I haven't used it for 20 years. I'm like, that's why Jesus rising from the dead. And Sending Holy Spirit just wrecks me.

Like, thank you so much, Jesus, that you did that. That that poor woman's life got changed in an instant, you know, just incredible. So.

So this morning I just really felt in worship Jesus. I actually saw him walk in the room, and I felt like this morning, actually, what's gonna happen to you is if you need fresh hope, that's what he's gonna give you. If you need freedom from fear, that's what he's gonna give you. And if you just need fresh purpose, that's what he's.

So this morning, look, it's the finale. Some of you might be like, oh, we're at the end. Thank the Lord.

So it's been the. Yes, we started this. Actually, I started this the last Sunday before Christmas where we looked at the birth of Jesus. And so, yeah, it feels quite appropriate that I'm wrapping it up. So we're called this. Look, the finale. Peace, promise and Praise. So I just want to say this before we dive in, I just want you, as we go through, think about how you might have felt when you were in that room. How might you have felt when Jesus said a specific thing? Actually, if that was you, how would you have felt?

Just because I think it's important that sometimes we can get ourselves into the story.

So we're going to just read the verses together. What I'm going to do is just kind of read different

sections and then just unpack a few of the things that I just impacted me or that I felt God highlight to me. So, are you ready? So as they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, peace to you. But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, why are you troubled? And why did doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that is, I myself. Touch me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, have you anything here to eat? And they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. So, Jesus, I just want to pray that this morning as we look at this story of what happened when you appeared in the room to the disciples, that you would speak to our hearts, if there are things that you want to show us, that you would do that. And God, we would come away this morning feeling refreshed and Excited afresh by all that you've called us to and who you've made us to be. Jesus, you're amazing. I would just pray that you'll open our eyes to see you in a new way through this part of Luke. Amen.

Amen. So here, just for context, to remind you, I know we've just had Easter, but Jesus at this point had been seen several times in the same day that he rose. So before this account in Luke's Gospel, Mary was at the tomb.

Well, actually, there's a few different versions. So Mary was at the tomb, and it looks like she was alone. And then Jesus appeared and she mistook him from the gardener. And then in Matthew, we read the account that it was when the women were on their way from the tomb. So was that the same instance as the Mary one? We don't know. It's just different ways. So the women on their way from the tomb to tell the disciples. Jesus then met them. And then obviously the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. As Ian so brilliantly unpacked for us last week. If you've not heard it, please do listen back. Cause it is absolutely brilliant. And now at night with the disciples. So we also get this account of Jesus appearing to the disciples in John 20 from verse 19, where the story's a bit different because we learn that Thomas was not there and then he appeared. Jesus appears to Thomas and the week later. And then also in Mark 16, bit of a different version.

So John 20 is much more like this version of events. Mark 16 is quite harsh.

So I like John and Luke better.

So we hear they were talking about these things. So what were the things they would be discussing? The events from the day and all the reports from the women. The disciples from Emmaus had come back to talk to them. They're obviously trying to make sense of, like, what they'd been hearing.

Of course, they weren't convinced by the women's account, because we read in just earlier verses in Luke 24:11 that says that these words seemed to them an idle tale and they didn't believe them.

And don't forget, in Jewish culture, women, they were not considered valid witnesses. So of course the disciples would have been, you know, wrestling with the cultural element. Although Jesus tried to show them a different way in terms of how he included women, but they just couldn't quite get there.

And so Jesus turns up to prove it. I mean, they basically. They're like, oh, what do you think? And I don't know. And then Jesus is just in the room. And of course they, you know, they obviously there's a lot going on. So amazingly, Jesus, first words out of his mouth, peace to you.

Which I think is incredible because, I mean, this would have been a common greeting amongst Jews would still be now.

But what we see here really is Jesus heart for them before he dives into asking them any questions or trying to see what's going on. I mean, you have to remember, these are like, apart from John, every one of the men in this room have deserted him two days before.

I'm sure there were a lot of mixed emotions in that room in addition to freaking out that they've just think they've seen a ghost or some sort of spirit. Because Jesus just appears, no noise, don't hear the handle creak in the door or the hinge go. He's just.

And so we know already that they were scared because John's gospel tells us that the doors were locked for fear of the Jewish leaders. And obviously the Jewish leaders had been telling everyone that the disciples had stolen the body away at night.

And also, were they scared because they thought they were going to be killed next? Possibly. I mean, like, how would we have responded?

Did they feel guilty in that moment? They see this apparition of Jesus and they're thinking, oh no, like we ran away. Or did they feel guilty? Were they feeling ashamed denying him in the case of Peter, were they disappointed at the turn of events? Like what a whole mix of emotions. And so Jesus, first thing, peace to you.

And then he says to him, why are you troubled? And why. Sorry, just to say this, actually.

Oh, no, we'll come to that in a minute. Why are you troubled? And why did doubts arise in your heart?

And so actually, interesting.

He speaks peace to them first before he digs in with the question to try and get to the core issue of what is going on in their hearts. And actually, what I believe we did actually in that is that he creates a safe space for them to then be vulnerable and then for them to figure out what's going on.

And actually the same is true of us, actually.

We need to know that we are safe and that Jesus is able to provide peace for us so that we can process what we're feeling and what's in our hearts. And so I was thinking actually about this and I realized that one of the. One of the times that I felt I got complete breakthrough was when I felt so safe. So I remember, I think many of you know this if you've known me for a long time, but there was Someone I cared about deeply. And he was tragically killed in a motorbike accident. And I had this, like, deep pain. And I knew that Jesus wanted me to deal with it. And I was just like, I am not doing this. Like, not running out. I just kept pushing it away and shelving it. And then he kept being like, are you ready now? Come on, let's do this. And I'm like, no, no, no. And then the day that I was like, yeah, okay, let's do this. Come on. Because I felt like he had his. God's got my best interest at heart. And I just felt like he loves me so much, he wants me free from this pain. And I had this remarkable encounter where it's odd to describe, but basically I felt like I was on an operating theater. And the operating theater was like, Father God's knee. And he opened me up and he took, like, his hand, which had some sort of, like, strange sanding glove type thing on it. And he rubbed my heart in the inside and just rubbed stuff off of me. And I physically felt pain in the natural.

And then when it all was over, I was just freed from all the pain, all the heartache, all of the trauma of seeing a motorbike and triggering every time I saw a motorbike. And then it made me think of everything that had happened, actually, just complete freedom. But only when I was like, actually, I feel safe to do this. And that's what Jesus was doing here. He's creating safety to allow them to just dig into what's going on in their hearts.

So he shows them his body, his hands, and his feet as proof that he's not a spirit. He's got the same body that was crucified and put in the tomb.

And I think the phrase that just I find remarkable is they disbelieved for joy and marveled. I mean, what a great turn of phrase. I'm sure the Bible translators would have had a lot of fun with that one because it's like, wow, you. They disbelieved for joy. What does that even look like? That they were like, yay.

I mean, like, I just tried to put myself in the situation. Like, what did their face look like? What was coming out of their mouths?

And then he eats with them. And actually, this. I was thinking, like, about this. It's so vital for them in this moment to realize that Jesus is actually alive and real, because they were about to become eyewitnesses to tell the world who Jesus is, what he did. And actually, the church that was Then built was built on that testimony. And actually they couldn't have a secondhand account from the women. They needed first hand evidence and proof for themselves.

And then I think what Ian reminded us last week, and I was like, oh yeah, I'd forgotten about that verse. Peter tells us in Acts 10:41, he was not seen by all people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Key point, eating and drinking. That was actually the evidence and the proof that he was able to share with people. This was a body, this was not a spirit. And this was a real man who was alive who was able to, to eat and drink with them. And then Paul tells us in First Corinthians that Jesus actually appeared to more than 500 brothers at one time, to Peter and to James and to all the apostles.

So lots of appearing. So John 20:21 to 22 again, Jesus said, peace be with you. This is the John version. As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. And with that he breathed on them and said, receive the Holy Spirit.

So a couple of things I wanted to point out here. Firstly, the commission that Jesus gave the disciples was the same, the same of equal authority and the same one that that Jesus had from the Father himself.

And then he breathed on them, which I was like, let's just look at this.

So actually the breathing on them happens. This is the resurrection Sunday day. So the start of like we know later from the book of Acts, which we'll look at shortly, that a 40 day period passes. So this is the start of the 40 days. And why, why breathe on them now? There can be any number of reasons, you know, could it have been to strengthen and empower them so that they're able to endure the next 40 days until a Pentecost happens and they receive Holy Spirit apparently. Was it some sort of sample or taster?

Was it actually a baptism at that moment? We don't actually know. But we do know that something happened for Jesus to do that something happened in.

And we have to remember that the Holy Spirit can fill believers as many times as he likes. We see that in the, in the book of Acts and obviously we're encouraged by Paul not to get drunk on

wine, but to, to be filled and to keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit actually like live in a state of being filled.

But I think that, I think for me the key word here is receive.

That was what Jesus wanted them to do, not what actually happened. We don't know. We Weren't there.

We don't have the full.

And actually, even. What. What did that look like? What did it look like when he breathed on them to receive the Holy Spirit? We don't know. But actually, that was the key thing, that their hearts were open to receive. And the same is true for us.

Okay, so let's dive into the next verses, then. That will cover this bit. So 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 and the promise, prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and said to them, thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that the repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you, but stay in the city until you are clothed in with power from on high.

So Jesus reminds them that, you know, the Son of Man would be put to death and would be raised again on the third day. And he had actually told them this in the book of Luke. He'd actually told them this three times, twice in Luke 9 and once in Luke 18. But it does actually say. But it was concealed from them or they didn't understand it. And then I think the one that cracks me up the most is in John 16, when Jesus says to them, a little while and you will see me. And again, a little while.

Sorry, a little while, and you will not see me again. And a little while you will see me. And they basically are like, we do not know what he's talking about.

And they just didn't. They didn't get it. And that's okay. Like, we get it because we're looking at it, like, retrospectively reading. But in the moment, they were just like, he's telling them, I've told you, this is this. And they're like, all right. And I think the thing that's amazing, you know, as Ian, like, was unpacking for his last week on the road to Emmaus, Jesus. It says that Jesus interpreted all the Scriptures, all the things in Scripture about himself to them. So they had this incredible, like, you know, the book of the Torah just unpacked for them and all, like, where he appeared. And I'm sure it was an incredible walk.

But actually, the thing that's different here isn't just that he's not interpreting all things in Scripture, but He's actually opening their minds to understand the scriptures. Now they'd obviously been, they learned it, they grew up with it, they had to learn it. So they, it was in them. And actually what he's doing is just bringing, so they're not having these, it's concealed from them. And they didn't understand what he's bringing. How he did that, I don't know what did, what did that feel like? Did your brain suddenly get hot or you just everything clicks into play? Was it just some like epic penny dropping moment where you just sit and they're like, like wow, wide mouth, like chin drop, like I don't know. But, but he opened their mind to understand the scriptures. And actually what's really significant is if you look then at the Bible, it is from this point on that the disciples then turn to all the Old Testament prophecies to prove that Jesus was the promised Messiah. They start quoting large chunks of scripture. Really interesting to basically prove to the people they're speaking to that all that happened was to, was to fulfill prophecy

about who Jesus was.

So quite incredible.

Wonder what that looked like.

Okay, so verse 50 and he led them out as far as Bethany and lifting up his hands he blessed them. And while he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven and they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing God. Now if you're like me, I'm like all right, Bethany, where actually was that? So here you go, there it is. Ignore the red line. But there's where Bethany is.

So probably about, it's kind of next to the Mount of Olives, probably about a two mile or so walk apparently from Jerusalem. So the 40 days have passed at this point.

And I mean I just have to picture this.

So Jesus lifts up his hands, which actually is what the high priest did when he was blessing the people. They would lift up their hands to bless the people and then he parted from them. It doesn't say he put his hands down. So actually were his hands still up? Was he still blessing them on route up into the clouds? I think probably yes. And actually I read a commentary that said that, that what he began to bless on earth, he continued with in heaven. Because we know that he intercedes before the Father. He intercedes for us before the Father. I love that. I'm like wow, like ooft, that's a lot of light. Anyway, just quite incredible.

And I think the other thing that really struck me was it says that they worship so they worshiped him. They returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God while they waited for the promise of the Father. And actually, I just paused for a moment and I was like, they worshiped him. Hang on a minute. Like, that doesn't. I don't remember that being, like, a thing they did very often. And so I had to dive back in. And so in the Gospels, we see Jesus being worshipped by a whole variety of people. So right from the wise men to Jairus to the man with leprosy, to a man born blind, the woman with the alabaster jar of oil, Mary Magdalene worships him when he appears in the garden to her. The people with the palm branches at the triumphal entry, but with the disciples, the own. Now, you can come and tell me if you can find something else. But the only other time that I could find that disciples worship Jesus, which I think is really significant, was when Jesus amazed the disciples by walking on water.

And in Matthew 14:33, it says those in the boat worshiped him, saying, truly, you are the Son of God.

And to me, this. This moment where they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and continued to bless God in the temple, this to me is actually just another. In the same way that the walking on water was like, wow, you actually are the Son of God. This, to me, is another one of those wow moments where actually there's a significant recognition shift moment for them of who Jesus really is. And they've just watched this man that they've walked with for three years who died, has now appeared in a room, eaten with them, shown them his hands and his feet and his body, and now he's just literally floated upwards before them with his blessing them.

And they are like, oh, my goodness. Wow, he is. He is. He's the Messiah. When they worshiped him, like, what an incredible heart response.

Okay, hopefully this is okay. So we're just gonna have a little look at the Book of Acts, because

obviously Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke and he also wrote the book of Acts. And let's see, he does a little bit more detail about this whole lifting up ascension. So we're just gonna read these verses and then we'll pull out a few things, and we should be finishing well on time. So in the first book, O Theophilus, I had dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach. I remember he. With the Book of Luke, he wrote it to Theophilus. He's. We don't really know why fully, but I think Maybe he did he commission him to do it? I'm not sure.

If you know, let me know, because I don't know.

So I have dealt with all that. Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up. After he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen, he presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them, he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which he said, you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

Oh, was I on the wrong bit?

Oh, here we are.

So when they had come together, they asked him, lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?

And he said to them, it is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes and said, men of Galilee, and why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. So I just want to pull out a couple little things here and then we'll look at some other things we can learn from this section of Luke. So on the road to Emmaus, the disciples, I mean, they said as they were recounting Jesus saying to them, what are these things you're talking about?

And they're like, they tell the whole big story.

And they actually say to Jesus, we had hoped that Jesus would be the one to redeem Israel, do you remember? And then Jesus basically called them thick headed or foolish and slow of heart to believe.

And here again we have this question because it was at the forefront of their minds, are you going to now, like, is this it? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel? Like, is this the moment?

The penny has not quite dropped yet. And I think what's amazing, Jesus, rather than being quite direct like he was to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, actually here, obviously he knows he's about to go, so he's really very kind in his response. But what he does, which is amazing, is he basically, essentially shuts down the question, which he does with me a lot. He won't even answer my question. He just tells me something else. I'm like, oh, actually, you know, he's the same yesterday, today and forever. And so he shuts down the question and he's basically like, actually, it's not for you to know.

And he actually redirects their focus and attention to the priority that he has for them, which is the coming of the Holy Spirit, who we know, as he's taught them already, that the Holy Spirit will teach them all things and will guide them into all truth.

That was the priority for him, not answering that specific question. So, John 14:16, if you want to remind yourself what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit. So they knew they needed to be clothed with power from on high. And Jesus had modeled that by the way he loved his life, you know, the way he ministered, the way he walked and stepped with the Holy Spirit. And actually they had been given power and authority because they'd been sent out and they'd gone and seen God do amazing things as they were sent out in twos. Obviously they'd, you know, heard the reports back from the 70 or 72, and then he's breathed on them. So that was 40 days before.

So we don't really know. They've had some sort of more. Another experience of Holy Spirit at that point.

And then so they know they have to wait. They have to go and patiently wait for the promise of the Father. Amazing promise of the Father. So they returned to Jerusalem. And actually the verses after the sea that they went to the upper room, which is where we'll pick up at Pentecost in Acts 2. We're actually gonna. I'm gonna preach Pentecost at Pentecost. So we'll come back to that. But just what an incredible hope and truth. Like the. The angels appear, you know, basically encouraging them, you know, not to.

Not to just stand there and gaze up.

What did that look like? I mean, what would you have done?

Up he goes, and you just are like, is he coming back down?

And then actually, they must have been there a while.

You can just imagine the conversation between the Father and Jesus and Holy Spirit, like, you better send some angels down. Like they're still there. Like, go and send a couple of guys to tell them, right? Come on, guys. You can't stop standing, looking up like, he's not. He's going to come back. But it's not just now you need to Go and wait for the Holy Spirit.

I just, I like to picture myself in the moment. Like how long were they there that angels had to have to come?

Very funny. So, and actually amazing one day. That is the promise that we have here and a truth, an incredible hope that one day Jesus will return in the same way that he went up.

So I just want us to have a look. I pulled out a few things of just like what else can we learn from Luke? Hopefully you've learned a few things, saw Jesus in a different light and tried to picture yourself in this story. So first thing is Jesus wants us to live in peace, not fear.

And actually the thing about Jesus, even if you think about this story, he is prepared to get behind any closed doors that we put up, any way that we shut him out or shut ourselves away. He's prepared to get behind any of them, to dismantle fear in our lives.

And we know that his perfect love is what casts fear out. But actually he wants us free from fear. It's, it's debilitating and not his best for us.

And Jesus wants us to believe and not doubt.

And the words that Jesus had for Thomas in John 20, have you believed because you've seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. And actually that for us like we're blessed, we're blessed when we believed and not doubt. But actually we do get moments where we have doubt. It's difficult to get ourselves out of that place. And that's why we need each other in our body with every joint supplying because sometimes we need help to believe. If we're standing and we're feeling, we're just, we're full of doubt. We need reminded of the truth.

And the other thing is that I feel like we could learn from this is that worship and great joy are heart responses to who Jesus really is. And actually I think for me I've had lots of penny dropping moments of just realizing who Jesus is. That's what happened to the disciples and it caused them to respond. And actually our, our heart responds to who Jesus is. When we have those moments is just like ah. And I think you know what I said earlier, like thank you for the way that you guys worship that just that tells me you've had many penny dropping moments in your heart. But there are more, there are more, there's more revelation of who Jesus is for us to have. So, so that we can have a hearts full of worship and great joy.

And then the other one, which it's nice to get a Little bit of something that rhymes. The Ascension is ascending, not an ending. Actually, we're all called, not just the disciples, we're all called to be witnesses. And actually we need to be clothed with Holy Spirit's power to do what Jesus put us on the earth for.

And so what I want us to do just before we close is there can obviously be a lot of different responses to, you know, what Jesus is doing, the room, a lot of different things. The things I felt earlier, of course, were that he was going to release hope, freedom from fear, and just fresh purpose. But some of the things I just felt, I would encourage you just to pick one of these questions to reflect on that resonates the most based on where you're at. So the first one is, in what areas of your life do you need to hear Jesus speaking peace to you? And do you have. Do you need to take a moment just now to invite him into that situation?

And the next question, do you need Jesus to open your understanding today about who he is? And if that's you, ask him to reveal himself to you in a new way.

And what promises from God you need to hold on to right now? And how does Jesus want you to respond in the waiting? Ask him.

And the final one, so you can take any of these four, is as your heart responds towards Jesus full of worship and joy. And if not, ask him what he wants to do in you for this to look different. And if so, and if it is, ask him what else he wants to show you about who he is so that this continues to grow.

Jesus, I want to thank you that you said that it was better that you go and send us the Holy Spirit.

And I thank you that you did pour out the Holy Spirit at Pentecost all those years ago and that we can receive the same power that raised Jesus from the dead can be our experience. And so, Holy Spirit, we want to thank you that you live in us, that you come on us, that we can have tangible experiences of you and be filled and keep on being filled and live in a state of being filled.

I want to thank you, Jesus, that you.

Yeah. That you are so amazing at providing a safe space for us to process our questions. And I want to pray that your perfect love would cast fear out of our lives and out of our hearts, that we would walk in the freedom that you won for us on the cross.

And I want to pray right now, Jesus, that you just release fresh hope in hearts all across this room and fresh purpose that we are called to be your witnesses. Jesus we are called to be lights of the world and salt of the earth and to represent you as ambassadors in this place that you have us live on, Planet Earth and all the different areas we come from.

Jesus, I thank you that it's a privilege to do that and we want to represent you well.

So Jesus, I pray that we will be free.

We won't be bound by fear or doubt, and that we won't be. We won't disbelieve.

Jesus, I thank you for your peace that provides a safe place and I thank you for the truth of your words.

I leave the gift of peace with you. My peace.

Not the kind or fragile peace given by the world, but my perfect peace.

Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts. Instead, be courageous.

Remember what I've told you, that I must go away, but I promise to come back to you. Jesus, I thank you that you're coming back again.

You're going to come back in the same way that you went up. And I thank you that you. You bless the disciples and you bless us and God, we want to just receive.

Thank you that that was what the disciples did when you breathed on them. So Jesus, we want to receive your blessing. We want to receive your peace. We want to receive your hope and your freedom. And we want to give you all the praise, all the thanks, all the glory. You're amazing and we love you. Thank you, Jesus.

Amen.

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