

SERMON NOTES

1st Sunday of Easter, Year A * April 5, 2026

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Acts 10:34-43 * Psalm 118 * Colossians 3:1-4 * Matthew 28:1-10

The Centurion, Part 2

(A Centurion is a Roman soldier in charge of a hundred men.
“Centurion” comes from the Latin for “100” – like a Century.)

DISCLAIMER: THIS SERMON INCLUDES BITS OF HOLY IMAGINATION.

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 * Psalm 16 * 1 Peter 1:3-9 * John 20:19-31

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend.

1. What's a part of Easter that you love? And why?
2. There would be no Easter without Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross to forgive us for all of our selfishness and sin. What is something Jesus has forgiven you for? Have you forgiven yourself?
3. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter to give us new life. What is a bit of new life Jesus has given you?
4. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter to give us new hope. What is something you hope God will do for you or for someone you love?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for Easter and what it means to you.
 - ✦ Thanking God for the new life and hope he's given.
 - ✦ For God to do what you hope he will.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.