



WITNESSES

Witnesses - Week One

“We Are Witnesses”

Acts 5:27-32

*We are living a Resurrection
Life when we are witnesses to
resurrection.*

It's Still Easter, People—let's milk this thing, shall we?

By now those first-century Jesus-followers were asking a question...

And it's a question we ought to ask, too:

Jesus is Risen—Now what?

We're going to be studying the book of Acts—stories of witnesses...

Who lived Resurrection lives—and changed the world.

WE ARE LIVING A RESURRECTION LIFE WHEN WE ARE WITNESSES TO THE RESURRECTION

ACTS 5:27-32

- *The story so far—things have not been neat and tidy...*
- *Peter triggered the Sanhedrin—why did what he say anger them so?*
- *Later Gamaliel speaks up—“Let's let this thing run its course....”*
- *You can almost hear them thinking: “Why would they be willing to die for a dead man?”*
- *This vignette ends with them being beaten and rejoicing about it.*

Because when you are a witness to resurrection, it changes you...

Here's a question—“Do most churches act like Jesus is risen?”

Or do they act like Jesus is still in the tomb? Christians?

So what are signs that you are a witness to the resurrection?

Uncommon Courage

There's this quote about the calling of the church to proclaim the kingdom of God “...even at the risk of its own life...”

Unabridged Truth-Telling

Do we tell the truth about ourselves and the world around us? Do we do it in love?

Unbridled Joy

Can people tell that this is something worth living for?

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

Eugene Peterson

Living The Resurrection: The Risen Christ In Everyday Life

Adam Hamilton

Unafraid: Living With Courage and Hope In Uncertain Times

N.T. Wright

Surprised By Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church

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