



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Lay Down Your Life*

*1 John 3:16 - 24*

*Resurrection Is A Love-Creating Action*

### **Yes, it's still Easter! The Tomb is still empty!**

*Today we're talking about the foundation of our faith—and what evidence of that foundation is in our lives.*

### **Laying Down Your Life—what does that mean to us?**

*Some dramatic examples...*

*Why do these stories inspire us? They demonstrate love...*

*How do we do this in our own lives? What does it look like?*

### **Resurrection As The Foundation of our Faith**

*Our faith is not founded on a book—it's founded on Resurrection*

*The evidence of Resurrection is love—agape, sacrificial*

*Is this what we see in Christianity today? Why not?*

## **RESURRECTION IS A LOVE-CREATING ACTION**

### **1 John 3:16-24**

- *This is a commentary on the Gospel of John for a new generation.*
- *Two great themes—Believe that Jesus is the Christ; Love one another as he did.*
- *The elder has harsh words for those who do not show this love...*
- *The evidence of the Resurrection is of a community conjoined by love*
- *Early Christians became known for this kind of love for others—sacrificing love.*

***The Christian life is a life laid down for others, a life built on self-sacrifice.***

### **Ways that we can lay down our lives—and demonstrate Resurrection love**

- *Be Vulnerable*
- *Sacrifice the Small Stuff*
- *Stand Where Jesus Would Stand*
- *Be Teachable*

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## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### **FOR FURTHER READING:**

***A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent***  
*Walter Brueggeman*

***Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter***  
*Various Authors*

***The Unvarnished Jesus: A Lenten Journey***  
*Brian Zahnd*

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