

The Year Of Following Jesus #18: Honest Thomas

April 29, 2022

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

April 30 & May 1, 2022

Forever

Welcome

Stand in Your Love

Hosanna in the Highest

Lord's Supper Thought

See a Victory

Prayer

Communion

**Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #18 -
Honest Thomas and the Pinnacles of the Great
Rescue - Pastor Ed**



Good Stuff To Know

Riverside Services Online- If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering- We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to www.EagleRiverside.com, click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

FAQs - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



Riverside Happenings

First Time Visitors

The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.
www.EagleRiverside.com

This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➔ Summer Youth Help Sign Up
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Submit Mom photos

Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Taylor (youth intern) - 907.230.3242, tgongliewski8@yahoo.com

Website: www.EagleRiverside.com

Mother's Day Pictures - Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th. Let's celebrate the moms of Riverside! Email three photos for the slideshow to eagleriverside@gmail.com and write "Mothers Day 2022" in the subject line. Please submit your photos by May 6th at 9pm.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, May 14th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Summer Ignite/Rev Volunteers Needed - The 4th-8th grade youth group needs adult helpers. Events will be scheduled one per month, based on volunteer availability. Please sign up in the lobby and include your phone #.

Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism



VBS Save the Date - June 13-16 from 6:30-8pm. See Janet or Aniela.

JAM Camp Registration - JAM Camp is July 10-14. Registration is open online at <https://www.lavernegriffincamp.org/camps> This camp is an annual tradition for Riverside students entering 5th-12th grade. The cost is \$225 per student. Scholarships are available. See Ed or Aniela.

Write to our missionaries (the Jackson's) - There is a mailbox hanging under the missions bulletin board in the greeting area. Please pick up a communications pamphlet prior to writing a letter which will give examples of word exchanges you will need to use for security purposes in your letter. Please place letters unsealed (we have to review them for security phrasing) in the mailbox. If you have any questions, please text Melissa: 9076325499

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, May 2nd, 6:00 - 7:30

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?

See Tayler or Aniela.



Thursday, May 5th, 6:00 - 8:00

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.

Questions? Like to help?

See Liz & Kyle, Tayler, or Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

Following The Year Of Jesus #18 Honest Thomas & The Pinnacles Of The Great Rescue

Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

—1 John 3:2 (NLT)

This Story Teaches Us...

1. There Is Physical Life After Death.

- *“Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.*

—John 11:24-25 (NLT)

- *And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me.*

—Luke 24:36-39 (NLT)

- *Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.” As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he ate it as they watched.*

—Luke 24:39-43 (NCV)

- *I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! I will see him for myself.*

—Job 19:25-27 (NLT)

- *It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.*

—1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (NLT)

2. There Is Spiritual Life Before Death.

- *Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?*
—John 11:25-26 (NLT)
- *I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.*
—John 5:24 (NLT)
- *And all of us... can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.*
—2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NLT)

3. The Great Rescue Deserves A Response.

- *One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."*
—John 20:24-25 (NLT)
- *Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"*
—John 20:27-29 (NIV)
- *Jesus did many other miracles in the presence of his followers that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you may have life through his name.*
—John 20:30-31 (NCV)

- *Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.*

—Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

Follow Through Step #18:

Reflect on the day you opened the door for Jesus so He could come in. And reflect on what your own resurrection body might be like and how different that might be from what you always believed about resurrection.

Riverside Info Texting System

At Riverside we aren't terribly organized- in fact we're sort of the poster church for "disorganized religion". So we use a "text for information" system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone call you without asking for a call. If you can't find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don't answer try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

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For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-2662. You'll get a text in return with a link to the info you asked for.

Frequently Asked Questions About Riverside- keyword= FAQs

Communion Info- keyword= Communion

New To Riverside? keyword= Guest

Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop

Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine

Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism

Youth Programs At Riverside:

Want info on 4-5 grade programs? keyword= Ignite

Want info on 6-8 grade programs? keyword= Rev

Want info on high school programs? keyword= Thrive