

Moving Presence Sermon Notes  
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We had hoped...

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*“What things?” he asked.*

*“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. **20** The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; **21** but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.”*

*Luke 24:19-21*

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*“The day will come, says the Lord, when I will do for Israel and Judah all the good things I have promised them. “In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous descendant[a] from King David’s line. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. In that day Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this will be its name: ‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness.’ - Jeremiah 33:14-16*

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*He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.<sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.*

*“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” -Luke 21:29-33*

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When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. **32** They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” -*Luke 24:30-32*

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“The two became witnesses of the hope that is Christ because they met him. This Jesus is the Risen Traveler that journeys with us, and Jesus is here today. He is here among us. He is here in his word, is here on the altar, journeying with us.” – Pope Francis

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The moving presence of Jesus awakens hope within us. Hope that allows us to...love...dream...to live. Despite our fears.

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