

(I encourage you to read Luke 24 before you give this pastor's not a crack.)

"Nonsense!" is what they thought as they were listening to the story the women, who had gone to Jesus' tomb early Sunday morning, told them. But you probably never thought or said, "Nonsense!" to a story someone told you.

Mind you, the men listening to the women's Sunday morning experience didn't discount or scoff at miracles; heck, some of them had performed miracles themselves, and they certainly had witnessed a fair share of Jesus's miracles. But this, Jesus risen from the dead, come on.

Got to hand it to Peter and another disciple of Jesus, at least they went to check it out. What they found confirmed at least part of the women's story. Jesus' tomb was open, the guards were gone, and all that was left was what they wrapped Jesus' corpse in. Those two went home amazed, wondering, but not convinced.

The women's story, "We went to the tomb really early this morning to make sure Jesus was buried properly. But when we got there, the huge stone sealing the tomb was rolled away, the guards were gone, and two men in lit up clothes told us, **'Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day'** Luke 24:5-7 (NLT2). After that, we hightailed it straight back here to tell you." Two more of the disciples concluded, you guessed it, "Nonsense," and decided it was time to go home and move on from the Jesus phase of their lives.

So, the women were convinced that what the men in shiny clothes told them was true: Jesus rose from the dead, just as he had been telling them. Peter and the other disciple checking out the tomb were left wondering but not persuaded. The two fellows going back to their homes in Emmaus fell into the nonsense, time-to-move-on category. I wonder where you fit in?

Years later, the Apostle Paul, who also personally encountered the risen Christ, was given an opportunity to defend himself and his faith in Christ before King Agrippa and the Roman governor Festus. He asks them, **"Why does it seem incredible to any of you that God can raise the dead?"** Acts 26:8 (NLT2). Paul is right. why would anyone think that the eternal, omnipotent God, who created the entire universe and gives life to every living thing, would have a hard time raising anyone from the dead? He doesn't. Listening to Paul talking about the resurrected Christ, Festus, the Roman pragmatist, shouts, "Paul, you're out of your mind!" I think we can put Festus in the "nonsense" category. On the other hand, Agrippa, who acknowledges the existence and omnipotence of God, is wondering but noncommittal, **"You almost persuade me to become a Christian"** Acts 26:28 (NKJV).

On their way home to Emmaus, those two disciples are joined by the risen Christ (Luke 24:13-35), however, they don't recognize him. I wonder, how many times has Jesus pulled right up to us and we didn't recognize him? They heard, saw, and believed what they wanted to hear, see, and believe, but missed what God was doing. However, and thankfully, the risen Christ wasn't thrown off by their doubts, their unbelief, their faulty interpretation of scripture, and by their inability to see past their present existence and natural world, nor will he be by yours. Once Jesus was gone, they said to each other, **"Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"** Luke 24:32 (NLT2).

This Easter, may your heart burn with the truth of Jesus, may your mind not dismiss the power of God, and may you open your life to and belief in the crucified and risen/living Lord Jesus Christ. And that's no nonsense!

To God be all glory. Have a blessed Easter, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Antonio Villegas, Rachel's Health, Hazel's recovery, Murthy Ann(cancer), our Country's leadership, Our Pastor Search Team and those dealing with addiction(s).

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs, Jacob Bowden

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or e-mail **Judy Mahar** at ldbcprayer@gmail.com with your prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler, Jerry Lyman,
Sarah Storey, April Wilcox



VBS: Magnified!

Coming to Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church

July 21 - 25

Volunteers needed!

Please sign up in the foyer

For more information: Susie (209) 247-9234

Centrifuge Youth Summer Camp

Date: July 7th - 12th

Location: Jenness Park

Cold Springs, CA

For more information Contact

Matt & Wendy Garcia: (209)765-6914

APRIL Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday's @ 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 PM
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday's @ 10:00AM
- GriefShare: Wednesday's, March 5th - April 23rd @ 6:30 PM
- Chicken Foot - Thursday's @ 1:00 PM
- **FOOD GIVE AWAY - Tuesday, April 15th (9-11 a.m.)**

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:
"Merle's Class"

Thank you

Next week "Hans' Class" is up!!

"2025 Tanzania Mission Trip"

November 2nd - 18th

(See Pastor Hans for further details)

If you notice someone has been absent from Small Group or Worship Services for awhile, why not call them or stop by to let him/her know that they have been missed. A kindness that

Happy Easter
Christ Has Risen

Giving

April 13, 2025

Offering:
\$1,328.00

Annie Armstrong:
\$320.00

Centrifuge Camp:
\$155.00

Womens Ministry:
\$20.00

VBS:
\$5.00

Missions:
\$84.85

Attendance:
93

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:
9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:
10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:
6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

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Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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Give

Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:38 (NIV)



Yearly Bible Reading Plan - 2025

April 21st - April 27th

DAY 1 - Eze. 1-2 (Psalms 49)	DAY 4 - Eze. 7-8 (Psalms 52)
DAY 2 - Eze. 3-4 (Psalms 50)	DAY 5 - Eze. 9-10 (Psalms 53)
DAY 3 - Eze. 5-6 (Psalms 51)	DAY 6 - (Psalms 54)
	DAY 7 - (Psalms 55)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.