



SERMON NOTES

June 17, 2012

Scripture: Luke 24:36-43 (NAS)

Topic: "Better Than Anticipated"

Rev. Bruce Gardner

- 36 While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and *said to them, "Peace be to you."
37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.
38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?
39 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.
41 While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
42 They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish;
43 and He took it and ate it before them.

I. TOO GOOD TO BELIEVE

- A. Sometimes It Is A Scam
- B. With God It Is Always True

II. TIMES WHEN PEOPLE HAD DIFFICULTY BELIEVING

- A. Peter's Escape *Acts 12*
- B. The Women Returning From The Tomb *Luke 24:11*
- C. Peter's Response To The Empty Tomb *Luke 24:12*
- D. The Men On The Road To Emmaus
- E. Jesus' Appearance In The Room With The Disciples

III. REASONS WE HAVE DIFFICULTY BELIEVING

- A. It Is Hard To Comprehend Such Amazing Love
- B. Our Own Love Is Failing *1 Corinthians 13:7*

C. It Seems Impossible *Matthew 19:26*

D. It Became A Greater Proof Of The Reality Of The Resurrection

E. Unbelief Is Natural To Our Old Nature *Ephesians 2:1-5, 8, 9*

IV. REMOVING DOUBT Acts 11:18; Romans 12:3

- A. Rely On The Accuracy Of The Word Of God
- B. Do Not Rely Upon Your Feelings
- C. Trust In The Gospel *Romans 5:6; 4:4, 5*
- D. God Gives Us His Peace
- E. Rely Upon His Mercy *Psalms 145:4, 5, 14, 17, 18; Hebrews 4:16*