

Monday, 5 April 2021 – Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

A family friend, colleague, and mentor is fond of stating the gospel in a succinct and meaningful way: "The good news is that the bad news is not the final news," she would often remind me. And it's true: The good news of the gospel is that the bad news of this world is not the final news we have to live with.

We are less than 24 hours removed from the resurrection day of Easter, and perhaps it already feels again as if life has gone back to whatever life was before our Easter celebration. But as TV announcers are fond of exclaiming, "Wait! There's more!" In Matthew, Luke, and John, as well as in Acts, the risen Jesus makes further appearances to the disciples. In Luke's gospel I am struck by how, when Jesus appears, he remarks on how hungry he is. "While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything to eat?'" (Luke 24:31). Similarly, he asks for fish while on the shore of the Sea of Galilee in John's gospel (chapter 21).

Though many argue that the work of Jesus is completed in his death and resurrection, he is still hungry, and this hunger includes the continued work for the Kingdom.

As Easter has come, and we have enjoyed chocolate bunny ears and jelly beans, for what do we still hunger? In this week, let your hunger align with Christ's, and may we continue to work for the realization of the Kingdom.

Prayer: Risen Lord, make me hungry for the things you are hungry for: justice, compassion, forgiveness, your Kingdom. May my hunger never be fully satisfied in this world until you come again. Amen.