

PASTOR'S PATCH



What is truth?

Dear Friends

I'm not great user of Facebook or other social media. What I do know is that the revolution of social media has meant that people seem to struggle to know what is true. Fake news, shared mutual ignorance and AI generated video have fooled many.

We begin a series this Sunday on the Acts of the Apostles. Luke wrote this book alongside the gospel of Luke to someone named Theophilus. His aim was to present a well-researched account of the life of Jesus and its implications to this man so that he might be fully informed. (Luke 1:1-4)

There are times when we too need to revisit the message of Jesus and the growth of the early church so that we might be reminded and fully informed of what this means for us and our discipleship.

This week we consider the implications of the resurrection of Jesus and His ascension (Acts 1:1-11). The challenge for us is to consider again what it means that Jesus is alive and our ascended Lord. We are also reminded that these are not simply academic statements, but things that we can know to be true as we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

The early disciples were not to speculate about the political future of Israel, that was not their remit. What they were to do was to wait for the Holy Spirit and then be witnesses for Jesus with the power the Spirit would give. The Acts of the Apostles tells how this worked out and challenges us to live as these early disciples lived.

Every blessing

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