

Sermon Notes

Sunday, 10th May 2026

40 Days: He Has Not Looked Away

-Acts 1.3 & 1 Corinthians 15.3-8-

The Question | Can the Jesus of Scripture be trusted?

- Knowing the right answer and living like it's true are two different things.
- Trials expose the gap between what you know and what you feel.
- In darkness it becomes easy to believe Jesus is limited, distant, and unable to see you.

He Was Limited

- For 33 years, Jesus took on human flesh and walked among us. (Philippians 2.7)
- Limited by location, time, and physical presence.
- He could only be in one place at one time.
- His most limited moment: arrested, beaten, crucified, buried. (1 Corinthians 15.3-4)

Sunday Changed Everything

- The Jesus who walked out of the tomb was not the same Jesus who was carried in.
- His divinity was fully unleashed.
- The limitations on His presence and His sight were gone.
- He is not who you think He is.

He Appeared | Acts 1.3 & 1 Corinthians 15.5-8

- He appeared to Peter because He saw a broken man who wasn't finished.
- He appeared to the Twelve because He saw deserters hiding in fear.
- He appeared to 500 because He saw a generation that would need witnesses.
- He didn't appear and then see. He saw and then appeared.

El Roi: He Has Always Seen

- Genesis 16.13
- Hagar was alone, used, and forgotten. God showed up.
- She named Him El Roi: the God who sees.
- He saw Hagar. He saw Peter. He sees you.

He Sees You | Malachi 3.6 & Hebrews 13.8

- He does not change.
- He saw this moment before you did.
- He has not looked away.

For Reflection

- Where in your life have you believed Jesus couldn't see or reach you? What does El Roi mean for that specific place?
- Read Genesis 16.1-13. What does Hagar's story reveal about how God responds to those who feel forgotten?