

Sunday Sermon Themes and Scriptures

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| Date: May 6, 2018 Title: Communion: Why? Theme: The Lord's Supper Purpose: A sermon examining why we observe communion within the United Methodist Church. Old Testament: Isaiah 53:1-5 New Testament: 1 Corinthians 11:17-33 | Date: May 13, 2018 Title: A Special Tribute Theme: Mother's Day Purpose: We are not only here to worship the Lord, we are here today to also honor our mothers, and grandmothers, and all the great mothers. Old Testament: Exodus 2:1-10 New Testament: John 19:25-27 |
| Date: May 20, 2018 Title: How The Church Should ACT Today Theme: The direction and ways of the Apostolic church. Purpose: To recount the birth of God's church at Pentecost and tap into that same Holy Spirit power that Scripture: Acts 2:1-13 | Date: May 27, 2018 Title: How The Church Should ACT Today Theme: The direction and ways of the Apostolic church. Purpose: To become "switched on" believer's through the power of the Holy Spirit. Scripture: Acts 2:14-36 |

Sunday's Service Information

Traditional Service – For those that love that "Old Time Religion", we have a traditional worship service that meets every Sunday at 8:30 am.

Blended Service – Not too bold, not too mild...just right. Our Blended service combines the best of our traditional and contemporary worship services. The Blended service is every Sunday at 10:30 am. There is also Children's Church available for kids K through 5th grade and a nursery for infants and toddlers.

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday – Office Closed.

Newsletter and Bulletin Deadlines

We have a lot of ministries and events going on at Burton and it is important to get the word out regarding them. So, please remember the *deadline for getting information into the weekly bulletin is on Wednesdays. The deadline for monthly Beacon articles is the 20 of each month.* Please send all information that you want placed in the bulletin or in the Beacon to the office at

bae_bmumc@att.net.

May Birthdays:

| | <u>DAY</u> | | <u>DAY</u> |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Shawn Shaw | 3 | Hannah Grace Thomas | 24 |
| Gail Preston | 4 | Leslie Bennett | 25 |
| Angie Sotolongo | 6 | Patricia Fincannon | 25 |
| Everett Albury | 8 | Kim Youngblood | 28 |
| Normand Gonsalves | 9 | Sheila Novak | 29 |
| Brad Kunkel | 15 | Crystal Sebben | 29 |
| Delores Leber | 16 | Sue Peacock | 29 |
| Rene Held | 21 | Joan Barrow | 30 |
| Nick Koffmen | 22 | Gregory Klifman | 30 |
| Fara Cummings | 23 | Kathy Lasseter | 30 |
| Alexander Sebben | 23 | | |

May Anniversaries:

| | <u>DAY</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Mark & Susan Hulsbeck | 1 |
| Patrick & Fara Cummings | 2 |
| Allison & Richard Barry | 7 |
| David & Crystal Sebben | 12 |
| Gary & Marcia Boswell | 23 |

The Beacon

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Kerry's Corner

The book of Acts is a record of the growth of the early church, started by Jesus's disciples and then expanded by the Apostle Paul. It's an exciting ride, from the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, to shipwrecks and imprisonments, to life changing sermons delivered by ex-fishermen. We can learn a lot from this early church. Here are some lessons to take away.

They were devoted to the apostles' teaching

The early church was devoted to the apostles' teaching. This is what we now have as the New Testament! They listened and put into practice what they learned. *Are we reading the Bible in the same way? Are we devoted to listening, learning and letting what we read and hear change our lives?*

They were devoted to prayer

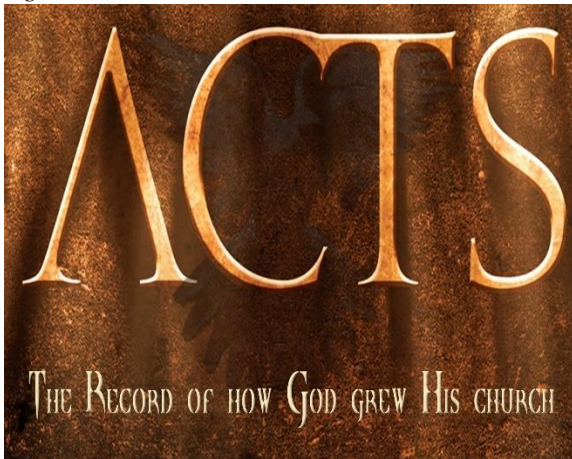
The early church was devoted to prayer. You see this again and again throughout Acts, as the Christians pray for the apostles, for each other and for the spread of the gospel. They pray a particularly wonderful prayer in Acts 4, asking God for boldness to spread the gospel. *Are we devoted to prayer in this same way? Do we bring all our needs, worries and joys before God? And are we praying for this boldness as we live as Christians in this world that desperately needs Jesus?*

They had everything in common

Something really remarkable about the early church is how committed they were to serving and supporting one another. Acts 2:45 even says that they sold their belongings in order to care for those who didn't have enough! *This kind of remarkable generosity should be evident in our churches. But too often we get caught up in loving the thought of having lots of money to ourselves. Could we be more generous to those around us, so no one is in need?*

Every day they continued to meet together

The early church met not just on Sundays, or on Friday night, or for a mid-week Bible study. They were committed to meeting together every day, to encourage one another, learn together and worship the Lord. *This doesn't mean we HAVE to go to church every single day. But these believers clearly placed an extremely high priority on fellowship. Do we place the same value on meeting together?*



They praised God

The believers in the early church were so thankful for everything Jesus had done for them, that they praised God fervently. This was even despite the persecution and alienation they faced for following such a radical faith!

The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved

Every day, the early church grew as more people came to faith in Jesus Christ. This verse indicates that God was behind this rapid growth, but God uses people to carry out his will, and I can bet that those who observed the Christian community saw something really attractive and appealing there.

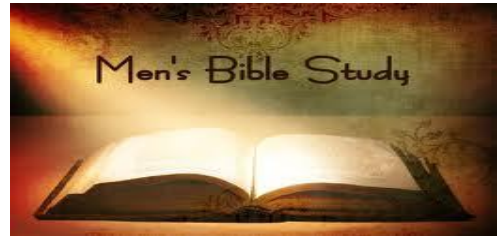
Wouldn't you want to be a part of a community that were generous, thankful and truly committed? And wouldn't you want to follow a Lord who encouraged this attitude in his followers?

Comparing our churches to the early church in Acts can be a helpful way to check if our priorities are right. Bible, prayer, generosity, fellowship and evangelism should characterize our Christian communities. Do they characterize your church?

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men are invited to meet in the Burton Fellowship Hall every Wednesday for fellowship and breakfast from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

Pastor Kerry is the facilitator and selects pertinent topics, videos, and scriptures for discussion. Opportunities are provided for prayer requests and events of interest (football, etc.). Breakfast favorites are provided by the men and/or their wives. *Please note that the last meeting before Summer Break will be May 30.*



Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study Group is on vacation for the summer. Watch for the startup date in the fall Beacons. For more information please call Virginia Spear at 305-852-7757.

Membership and Information Class

On Sunday, May 13, we will have a membership and information class in the Pastor's Office at 2:00 pm. If you would like to discover more about Burton Memorial United Methodist Church and what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church, please just show up. If, after the class, you would like to become a member of Burton Memorial United Methodist Church, we can make that happen.



Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar is ready for 2018! You are encouraged to choose a Sunday and purchase flowers for the altar in honor, in memory, or simply to the Glory of God. Each bouquet is \$20.00 to be paid in advance. Each Sunday has only two spaces for flowers. *A maximum of two bouquets* (no exceptions please!) will be purchased each Sunday, so sign up early!

Passionate Worship Committee

Again, I would like to thank Julie Ratliff for her 25 years of service with our acolytes. We have found someone to serve here but help is always welcome. Many hands make light work. We are also in need of help with the following areas: Greeters & Ushers, Acolytes, Liturgists, Music, Altar Guild, Children's Church, and Drama. If you can commit to any of these areas in need, please contact Carlene so she can guide you to those in charge of that area. It is important to contribute to our church family, so pick your area and get involved. We welcome any new ideas you have that would improve the worship experience. Our next meeting is Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm for the music meeting, 7:00 pm for the Passionate Worship Committee meeting, both in the Fellowship Center. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Carlene at 301-655-0522 or email her at dcjarboe@gmail.com.



Choir News



The choir is singing on Mother's Day, also Ascension Sunday, at both services. We will take off for the summer after May 13, so you have two chances to come help us out as we sing for God's glory. We practice on Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come join the fun while you can. Even if you want to just test the waters, we are in need of people, especially men, to help. The choir is a fun, healthy way to sing praises to God. There are no auditions, just a commitment to Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Singing is good for the body and soul. If you have any questions about the choir, please feel free to call the choir director, Carlene Jarboe, at 301-655-0522.

Ringin' News

Looking for a few good ringers! The Burton Ringers are looking for new members – short term or weekly. New ringer practice is 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm every Wednesday in the Sanctuary. No experience necessary. God offers the BEST benefit package around! Come and join the bell choir. See any bell choir member or director Raeleigh Gonsalves for more information.



KIDSRING Choir



There's a new choir in town – and it's just for kids! The KIDSRING Choir is a beginning bell choir that meets each Sunday during the first 15 minutes of Children's Church during the 10:30 am service. The choir is open to children age 5 through 3rd grade. All children who meet the age requirement are invited to join! For more information please contact the Church Office or Raeleigh Gonsalves at rgonsa2910@yahoo.com or 305-522-9361.

Status of Offerings

It is important to understand that the weekly offerings through the collection plate and website are what pay the expenses of our worship services, as well as contributing to the various church ministries. Below are the offering and website collections for the past four services.



| Last Four Weeks | | | | | Year to Date | | |
|-----------------|--------|----------|---------|-------|--------------|----------|--------|
| Week | Date | Offering | Plan | + / - | Offering | Plan | + / - |
| 13 | 1-Apr | \$3,867 | \$3,536 | 331 | \$49,178 | \$49,947 | -769 |
| 14 | 8-Apr | \$1,603 | \$2,554 | -951 | \$50,781 | \$52,501 | -1,720 |
| 15 | 15-Apr | \$3,028 | \$2,554 | 474 | \$53,809 | \$55,055 | -1,246 |
| 16 | 22-Apr | \$2,313 | \$2,554 | -242 | \$56,122 | \$57,609 | -1,488 |

College Ministry

by Barbara Koch, College Ministry Coordinator

Our dozen college students are busy finishing up their requirements for this term. Soon most of them will be able to enjoy a much deserved respite from their studies. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for them.

To date, two students have notified us that they will be taking summer classes.

Kayla Lynn de Vroedt at Miami Dade Community College and Shannon

Premaza at Florida Southwestern State College. If you know of any other students who are planning to enroll for summer classes, please notify me (ble1k1@aol.com) or Betsy in the church office so that we can encourage and support them during the summer months.



God's Kitchen



As we all know, the tradition of Thursday night's God's Kitchen meals are an important service to our community that Burton performs. Thanks to Cindi Miller for cooking on the fourth Thursday in March, and to Carol Albury-Johnson for coordinating the dinner in April. ***We need people to cook on the fourth Thursdays of the month for the upcoming months. If you would like to help out, please call the office at 305-852-2581.***

Burton Memorial VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten)

Graduation Ceremony

On May 20, 2018 Nilda Bernaldez and the Teaching Staff at Burton Memorial Child Development Center will be hosting a graduation ceremony in the Sanctuary at 12:00 pm. We will be graduating 13 students this year and recognizing them for all of their accomplishments. We hope you will attend and show your support for our director, teachers and students. There will be a potluck luncheon at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Center for the parents, teachers, families, friends, and the graduates, sponsored by the church members.



Message from the Green Team

Edith Zewadski-Bricker

The United Methodist Social Principles has been revised. Check it out! The DRAFT revision is at the following website: www.umcjustice.org/sp2020. The revision committee is asking for input over the next few months. The website provides a mechanism for your input.

The first nine pages of the Revised Social Principles reference God's Creation and is titled "The Community of All Creation." The preface is the Biblical passage "In the beginning..." from Genesis 1:1-4a, 31. The following are the opening excerpts:

All creation is God's. Creation is an expression of God's grace, and God's creation is very good. All people are members of the community of all creation, and the flourishing depends on the care of all God's creation.

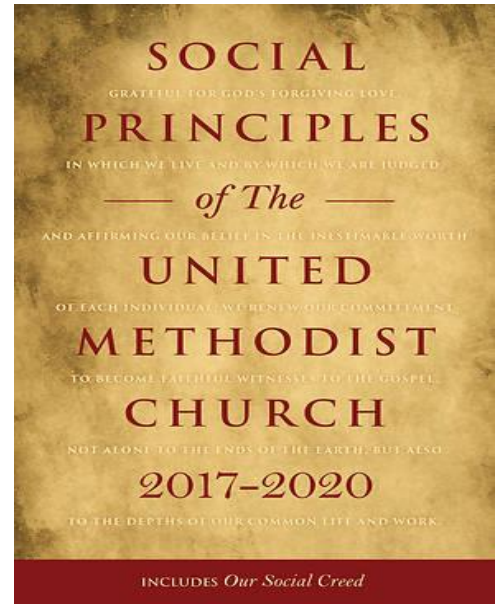
Creation

To be responsible stewards begins with appreciation of God's creation and the covenantal relation between God and everything that God has created. John Wesley proclaimed:

The great lessons which our blessed Lord inculcates is, that God is in all things, and that we are to see the Creator in the glass of every creature; that we should use and look upon nothing as separate from God...

We are committed to acts of care and solidarity as we pursue a more just and sustainable world, so the whole community of creation can flourish...

Unlike the United Methodist Disciplines, the "Social Principles" are not the law of the United Methodist Church. Let's use the Social Principles as reason to have a conversation in the community to share our thoughts and ideas.



Stamp Out Hunger



For more than 20 years, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) has conducted an annual nationwide food drive on the second Saturday in May.

This food drive is the largest one-day food drive in the United States. Just place a bag (or bags) of non-perishable food items by your mailbox before your regular mail pickup on Saturday, May 12, and your letter carrier will do the rest. All food remains in the community from which it was collected.

We will need volunteers to help pick up and sort the food on Saturday, May 12 and again on Monday, May 14. If you are able to help, please call the church office at 305-852-2581.

Those that wish to volunteer by helping to pick up the food will need to sign up following the Sunday worship service or contact the church at (305) 852-2581. We need 10 vehicles for this task – each vehicle will need to have a passenger too. Those driving will follow the postal trucks from Key Largo and will pick up food that is left at the mail boxes.

We will also need volunteers to help unload the food from the truck. These individuals will meet at the fellowship center at the church at 3:00 pm.

UM Women Annual Tea

Our UM Women Annual Tea, held on March 11, was a huge success! Our guests arrived early, many wearing amazing hats and each excited to view our beautiful table decorations. The theme this year was "God's Creations", which provided a wide range of possibilities. We thank all the guests who came, all the volunteers who helped with making the food and preparing it in the kitchen, and the servers who brought the meal so promptly to the tables. What an incredible job! And let us recognize and thank the table hostesses who made the tea so special: Sue Peacock, Cindi Miller, Edna Waldorf, Lorealea Carrera, Pat Fincannon with Sheila Novak and Betty Bullock, Barbara Koch, Norma Warrington, Linda Norman, Virginia Spear, Mary Lou Wilkinson, Kim Youngblood, Carol Albury Johnson and our President, Edith Zewadski-Bricker.



As you know, the guests vote for their favorite table by placing money in the table bags. This year Virginia Spear's table of "Fishes and Turtles" won First Place and Sue Peacock's table won Second Place with "Hummingbirds and Irises". The proceeds from our tea will go to benefit needy women and children around the world. God smiled down on us as we honored His creations!

Our speaker was Linda Lillo Norman, who spoke about the history behind the world's second most popular drink, tea, from its origin in China, to the trafficking of workers in British colonies around the world, to the continuing existence of plantations in India where working conditions remain dire. The ladies were made aware of "Justice" tea that is grown, harvested, and sold by workers who receive fair wages and so can earn for themselves a greater measure of economic freedom. These products are sold by Thistle Farms in Nashville, TN. (www.thistlefarms.org)



Linda continued with her program by connecting the trafficked workers of tea to the community of women in Nashville, TN which the Reverend Becca Stevens has made her life's work. These women are survivors of prostitution, trafficking, and addiction right in our own country. She provides them sanctuary, residential community, and employment at Thistle Farms, which sell handmade lotions, oils, and candles. Four years ago she opened the Thistle Stop Café, a local non-profit business that provides meaningful employment to the women and serves as a hub that introduces the women to the community. In preparation for this talk, Linda traveled to Nashville, visited both businesses, and actually met and spoke to Becca Stevens about the upcoming Tea at Burton. Linda was able to see firsthand the wonderful, inspirational work that Reverend Stevens has done for these women survivors, who proudly wear T-shirts that proclaim, "Love Heals Every Body."

UM Women's Library News

The following books are missing from our bookshelves in the Narthex:

50 Women Every Christian Should Know, Falling Into Peace, Broken and Blessed, Good Health: Good Life, Miss Brenda and the Lovelace Ladies, Pre – Post Racial America, The White Umbrella, Femmevangelical, Shopping.

If you have one of them, please return it to the shelves or contact Betty Ann Gear at 305-587-7120. Thank you.



Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held on July 16 – 20, 2018 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. with a free dinner from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Our Theme will be "Shipwrecked". **This VBS program will take kids to an uncharted island and anchors them in the truth that Jesus carries us through life's storms.** We will have our first VBS volunteer meeting on May 27, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to help with this year's VBS, please be there.





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Local News:

Much appreciation for those of you who supported our annual Tea fundraiser! We have met our annual pledge with the help of our members' individual pledges. Thank you for this gracious gift to missions. ***Join us the fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Edna Waldorf's home, won't you? Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, this month the meeting is on May 21.***

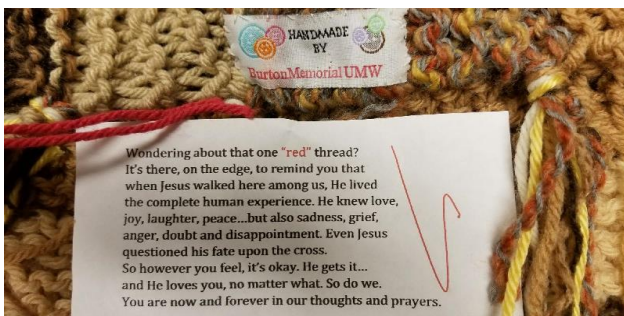
Edith Zewadski-Bricker
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District and Conference News:

May 17-20 is the United Methodist Women National Assembly in Columbus, Ohio.

Mission u, July 12-15 – Bethune Cookman University, Daytona Beach: Join the Florida Conference United Methodist Women for great music, interesting plenary sessions, Bible study, and mission studies including “What about Our Money,” “The Missionary Conference of The United Methodist Church in the United States,” and “Embracing Wholeness.” The Youth study is “Is it Just Money?” and the children’s study is “Money Matters.”

If you would like to attend to learn more about United Methodist Women, call Edith at 305-852-9259 or email her at edithzewadski-bricker@gmail.com.



Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Virginia Spear has graciously served as the coordinator for the Prayer Shawl Ministry for countless years. We can't even guestimate how many shawls she has handmade herself, with much TLC. We want to take this time to thank Virginia for her tireless efforts. ***Please join her in the Joy Classroom on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.*** For more information call Virginia Spear 305-852-7757.

Prayer Bead Ministry

The UM Women would like to thank the congregation for helping us to raise funds throughout the year by purchasing our handcrafted Prayer Beads for \$15.00 each. ***Special Memorial Day Red, White, & Blue Angel Prayer Beads are on sale now.*** Please place your order ASAP. If you are interested in purchasing or learning to string your own prayer beads please contact Kim Youngblood. Call or text her at 443-207-4000 or email kyoungblood528@yahoo.com to make arrangements.

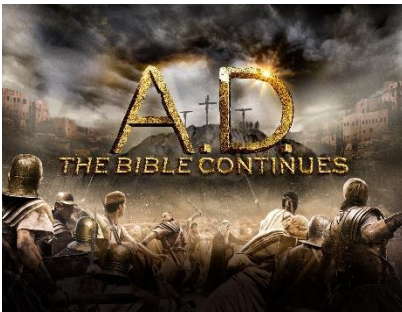


dV8 Youth Group

Our dV8 youth group meets almost every Sunday at the house of our pastor:

Kerry Foote
123 High Street
Tavernier, Florida
305-407-7040

If the dV8 meeting will not be there, it will be announced in advance along with the place and time it has been moved. Usually there are games, lessons, and sometimes movies. There is always food and great fellowship. Friends are always welcome. *In May, we will meet at 5:00 pm at the parsonage on Sunday, May 6th and Sunday, May 27th.*



DO YOU EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES AFTER THE RESSURECTION?

A.D. The Bible Continues (also known as **A.D. Kingdom and Empire**) is a television miniseries, based on the Bible, and a sequel to the 2013 miniseries, *The Bible*. The story takes place immediately after the events of *The Bible* miniseries, beginning with the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and continues with the first ten chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. During the month of May, the youth will be viewing episodes from this mini-series for our dV8 lesson.

May 6th: (The Tomb is Open) 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

After the public calls for Jesus to be crucified and Peter denies knowing him, Jesus is sent to Pontius Pilate to have the final say. Pilate orders the crucifixion of Jesus in order to maintain the peace and satisfy his people. Overcome with guilt for betraying Jesus, Judas hangs himself in the wastelands. Caiaphas defends his decision to send Jesus to Pilate with his father-in-law Annas. The act will send a message to all who oppose Roman law. Annas suggests a quicker death. Pilate grants two requests: Jesus' expedited death and Joseph of Arimathea's petition to claim the body. Pilate's wife Claudia warns that he will regret crucifying Jesus, who soon dies on the cross. Jerusalem trembles and the temple's holy veil splits. A soldier arrives to ensure Jesus' death, and Joseph offers his tomb as a final resting place. There he, Mother Mary, John, and Mary Magdalene clean the body and pray before closing the tomb. Caiaphas requests that Pilate post soldiers outside the tomb and place a Roman seal across the front, which will carry the death penalty if broken. Pilate agrees. Peter admits to John and Mary Magdalene that he denied Jesus, as the remaining disciples gather at the safe house. They all argue over the next course of action and Mother Mary reminds them of the prophesied return of Jesus. They decide to leave the city if he doesn't return on the third day. Soon, another tremble and the tomb illuminates behind its seal. An angel dressed as a warrior appears on top of the tomb and exposes its sword, a sign to the shocked Roman guards to not interfere. Later, Caiaphas receives news that the Roman seal has been broken, the tomb opened, and Jesus is gone.

May 13th: (No dV8 because of Mother's Day)

May 20th: (No dV8)

May 27th: ("The Body Is Gone") 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mary Magdalene sneaks to Joseph's tomb and finds it open. Nothing is inside but the shroud that Jesus wore on the cross, left perfectly folded. She returns to the safe house to tell the others. Caiaphas listens to Reuben and the other guards try to explain what happened – a warrior angel broke the seal and moved the massive stone. Caiaphas thinks that some followers of Jesus must have raided the tomb in an attempt to fake a resurrection. Caiaphas gives his men strict orders to say that they fell asleep on duty if asked, and instructs Reuben to find Jesus' body immediately. Caiaphas then lies to Pilate that Jesus is dead in the tomb; however, a tomb guard reports otherwise after Caiaphas leaves. After being left at the empty tomb by Peter and John, Mary Magdalene is visited by Jesus, who is without stain. She returns to the chaotic safe house to report the news. Jesus appears to his disciples and later to a doubting Thomas, before guards storm the safe house and the disciples scatter into the city. Pilate orders the deaths of most of Caiaphas' guards, as Reuben and Caiaphas search the city for the body of Jesus. The disciples make it to the coast of the Sea of Galilee, where Peter finds it difficult catching fish. A man appears and instructs him to cast the net on the right side of the boat. The net quickly becomes filled with fish, and the men confirm their adviser to be Jesus. He suggests that they return to Jerusalem, wait there, then spread the word. Jesus then climbs a hill and disappears in a bright light. Angry over the death of his men, Caiaphas confronts Pilate, who then kills the tomb guards in front of him as a lesson in "civic administration".

