

Beyond Easter
April 2018 sermon series

Easter, on April Fool's Day! (Did God do that just for JRCC???) For many, the idea of Jesus coming back to life is beyond foolish, and we're dumb for believing it. This month, we're going to watch as Paul has that same conversation with the people of Athens...and there's not one single Christian in the whole town besides him!

If JRCC is really going to impact the greater Van Wert community with the story of Jesus coming back from the grave, we need to see what Paul did in the face of such overwhelming odds...and repeat them.

April 1 **Fooled Ya!** **Matt 28:1-10**

Today we finish our short trip through Matthew, looking at the resurrection of Jesus through Matthew's perspective. The women who went to the tomb expected their God to be dead. (Know the feeling?) Instead, Jesus pulls the ultimate prank, appearing out of nowhere to go "Boo!" What will your reaction be when he does the same to you?

April 8 **Foolish** **Acts 17:16-21**

Paul had to get out of Dodge; the town of Thessalonica (think the book of the Bible called Thessalonians) want to beat the living daylights out of him. The believers make him hide out in Athens, a town with zero Christians in it. Safe place! Paul decides to share about Jesus, and some people have only one thought about Paul and his Jesus: that's beyond foolish.

April 15 **Foolishly Familiar** **Acts 17:22-28**

Paul recognized something about the people of Athens that we know all too well: they're spiritual, but not sure what to believe in. Paul wants them to know that his God is foolishly familiar; he LOVES them and loves relationships...so much so he created everything, including them.

April 22 **Father of Fools** **Acts 17:29-31**

Paul makes a huge declaration: we are God's children! (Changes Father's Day, doesn't it?) What's the advantage of God being our father, when so many of us have earthly fathers that have been nothing but failures?

April 29 **5th Sunday Celebration!** **Acts 17:32-33**

Get ready for this historic Sunday at JRCC that isn't going to be at JRCC! This special Sunday we will meet off campus, in several homes of JRCC family members. Watch for more details as this day comes close!

April 1, 2018

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Our Mission

The Jennings Road Church of Christ exists to glorify God by turning unchurched people into fully devoted followers of Christ.

Pastor David Ray, Jr.

Order of Service

Worship Intro

Welcome and Greeting

Praise and Worship Song

Offering

Praise and Worship Song

Dismiss to Childrens Church

Communion Meditation: Keith Langdon

April 1

Fooled Ya!

Matt 28:1-10

Invitation

Prayer

This Week

*Today: 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service*

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Small Group @ Van Wert Manor

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Men's Group @ Keith Langdon's

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study @ JRCC

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4/11 Madison Langdon
 4/14 Betty Taylor
 4/15 Tracy Dickson
 4/17 Carter Bledsoe
 4/21 Sandy Dowdy
 4/24 Beth Bilimek
 4/29 Colby Kuhn

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Visitor Information / Prayer Request

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

[] I am a first time visitor._

Prayer Request: _____

_____ **List in Bulletin:** Yes _____ No _____

If you are visiting with us for the first time, or have a prayer request, we would love to hear from you! Please fill out & drop in the offering basket.



Prayer Requests & Praises

Pastor Dave – health

Rosie Miracle - health

Jerry Miracle - health

Jerry Smith - health

Christian Niece – cancer

Jenny Glaze – health

Donna Klinger – Lupus

Wilma Peterson – Parkinson’s disease

Marie Ray – health

Carol Thomas – Parkinson’s disease

Codie Ramos – health

Julie Thomas – physical & emotional pain

Rick Hines – healing from shoulder surgery

Unspoken prayers...

Jeffrey Kinner – Navy

Josh Ray – Marines

Kirsten Roberts –Marines

Jayden Dickson – Air Force

Josh Leiter – Marines

Michael Kapangama – Air Force National Guard

All military men, women, Veterans and families

Please let Anita Searl know of any changes needed to the prayer list.

Thank you!

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My Redeemer Lives

Job 19:25

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.



What a thrill to KNOW that my Redeemer lives! Jesus Christ is just as alive today as He was right after the resurrection. In fact, He is just as much alive today as He was before the crucifixion, and even before He came to earth and was laid in the manger.

What difference does it make whether we serve a living God or one made of stone? Isn't it just a practice we believe in? Is it a crutch to help us along our way? No! Absolutely not!

A living God knows right where you are day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute. He sees your every need, hears your every cry, and longs to hold you close to Himself. He is present to walk with you through the valley. He provides a song in the night. He takes your feet from the muck and mire and plants them on a rock. He blesses you with hope and gives joy for Life's journey. A god with no life is unable to do these things. He cannot see, or hear, or reach, or touch, or provide. He simply cannot.

But my God is alive! The joy and the assurance that we celebrate on Easter doesn't end when the holiday is over and the decorations are all packed away. Why? Because Christ is alive. So rejoice, my friend, and live each day with the hope and joy that Easter brings. Walk with Christ. Talk with Him, and allow His joy to penetrate your heart and fill your soul. Don't live in defeat and agony as if Christ is still on in cross, or in the tomb. HE is alive! He IS alive! He is ALIVE!

Lord, I praise and worship You because You are alive and because You share Your magnificent self with me as Your child. Thank You for the constant day by day fellowship I have with You. Thank You for being alive!