



Sermon Title: ARE YOU ACTING BRAND NEW

Date: Sunday, April 01, 2018

Speaker: Pastor J.

Background Scripture: Isaiah 43:19 / Luke 24:1-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jumpstart and Review:

Just because you're in a "DEAD PLACE" doesn't mean that you have to be!

- Esp. when the "GREATER ONE" lives on the inside of you!

The greatness in you is accessed only through the great one!

? What does that really mean?

Two different responses to the resurrection are recorded here:

1. To the other disciples, it seemed like idle talk & therefore kept them stationary (vs.11)
2. But to Peter, the same information initiated a different response – he got up & ran towards the tomb (vs. 12)

- What causes one to REJECT and another to RECEIVE?
 - o THE STRENGTH OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP
 - Peter's relationship with Jesus determined how he REACTED to the information.
 - o React: to respond to a stimulus in a particular manner;

The Urban Dictionary defines "Brand New" as: acting a certain way or displaying characteristics that are not congruent with one's normal behavior.

QFC (Questions For Consideration)

1. How does one distinguish a "new creation" mentality (ref. II Cor. 5:17) from an arrogant, stuck up, "suchy-much" attitude?

2. Considering the religious/political climate of that day, fear could've been a motivating factor for the disciples that didn't believe the women. What factors motivate us to respond the way we typically do concerning our faith?

Reflect-n-Recap

1. *This week's lesson was ...*
2. *The areas I feel this lesson growing me are ...*
3. *Comments / Testimonial / Questions:*