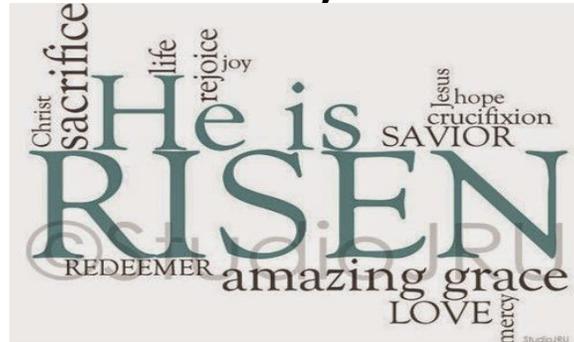




# Lewiston Church of Christ

## June 17, 2018



### Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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## Fearful, Foolish, Fickle, and Feeble, but Not Hopeless

Do you ever envy Jesus' disciples? They got to hear Jesus' brilliant teaching and incredible preaching in person. With their own eyes, they saw Him do amazing miracles. They saw Him love and they loved Him.

Nevertheless, these amazing experiences are not what changed them.

And they needed changing badly. Jesus was often disappointed in their lack of faith, their harsh attitudes toward others, and their arrogant pursuit of status. Peter was such a piece of work that Jesus once told him, "Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23). Peter was acting like an adversary.

All the way up to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, His disciples kept missing the point and letting Him down. In the garden, Peter, James, and John could not even keep awake for Jesus' protection as He prayed. They were weak. In fact, they all fled and deserted Him in His darkest hour (see Mark 14:50). Peter denied knowing Jesus at all. Ouch! After all the ministering and mentoring Jesus did for His disciples, Jesus still faced His agonizing fate all alone, betrayed and deserted. After all they heard Jesus say and saw Him do, they were still fearful, foolish, fickle, feeble, and faithless.

So, what changed them? We look back on them now as world-changers; bold brave heroes of the faith, and tireless witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth! What happened?

What changed them was something they saw. First they saw Jesus die, and then they saw Him again--ALIVE! They witnessed the Risen Lord for real and that changed everything, inside and out. Finally, instead of fleeing in fear, they were willing to die for their faith in Jesus—and many of them did. After seeing the Risen lord, they knew for sure that everything had changed, including themselves.

Joel Solliday