

March 29

“Encountering Redemption”

Luke 7:36–50

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Sermon:

Who gets to have encounters with Jesus?

This road to redemption is getting a new lane.

This new lane is for the hungry, not the seemingly satisfied.

Consider adding a fast to your routine this week.

This new lane is for the self-aware, not the self-righteous.

Allow yourself to be arrested by His presence.

This new lane is for the grateful, not the entitled.

“The Pharisee has never come to terms with the depths of his own heart, and so doesn’t appreciate God’s generous love when it sits in person at his own table. For Luke, true faith is what happens when someone looks at Jesus and discovers God’s forgiveness; and the sign and proof of this faith is love.”

N.T. Wright

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

Sit in the Mystery and Richness of our Redemption through Christ’s Body and Blood

“Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it’s all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food.

I bless you with courage to turn from useless and exhausting attempts to earn God’s favor and simply go after His presence. As you enjoy this new lane to redemption, I bless you with encounters that are like the fine food and wine: the manifest presence of Christ. And as you

experience His presence, may you be overwhelmed at the gift of grace that has been lavished on you and may love overflow from you during these days when it is most needed.