

**ALIVE #2**  
**Mk 16; Mt. 28; Jn 20,21**

**04/01/2018**  
**Easter Sunday a.m.**

**SLIDE 1 – ALIVE – AN EASTER SERIES**

**SLIDE 2 – GOOD FRIDAY**

- Jesus' betrayal, arrest, conviction, scourging, beating, crucifixion, death, burial
  - Followers crushed – Christ/Messiah – died criminal's death
  - Death as the Sabbath approached... Joseph of Arimathea
    - Burial process interrupted by Sabbath – Friday dark to Sunday light

**SLIDE 3 – SUNDAY MORNING**

- One disciple – **Judas** – dead by suicide, distraught at his act of betrayal
- One disciple – **Thomas** – sure this is the end, "Let's go die with Him" – John 11
- One disciple – **Peter** – shaken to core by 3 denials of Christ – not a follower
- Rest of disciples – Scattered. Confused. Afraid. Despondent.
  - Sitting in a locked room, waiting for the Sabbath to be over to see what happens next... to them.
- A crew of ladies – crack of dawn – to the Tomb to complete burial process
  - Mary Magdalene, Mary mom, Salome – to the tomb
  - Burial cloths, fragrant spices/smells, tomb to be sealed = finished

**SLIDES 4-10 – LUKE 24:1-11; JOHN 20:3-10**

**SLIDE 11 – CHRIST IS RISEN!**

- Upon arrival at the tomb – stone rolled away
- 2 angels 'on duty' at the tomb – messengers of Jesus' resurrection
- Jesus' body is NOT in the grave
  - Ladies coming to the tomb – freaked out – REPORTED to disciples
    - Words seemed 'idle tale... did not believe.'
  - John & Peter to the tomb – examined it, & the burial clothes – went home
- Later, Jesus appears to Mary – go & tell the disciples & *Peter*...

**SLIDE 12 – JESUS IS ALIVE... AND?**

- Jesus is ALIVE... & what's going on with His disciples?
  - Unbelief → Fear → Denial → self-DQ →
  - Jesus' starting point → not limited by human weakness, unbelief, etc...
- Looking back – a perspective from approx. 30 years later – Paul to Corinth...

**SLIDES 13-16 – 1CORINTHIANS 15:1-6**

**SLIDE 17 – LOOKING BACK...**

- The gospel Good News – Christ died for our sins
  - Buried, raised on 3<sup>rd</sup> day
  - Appeared to Peter/disciples
  - Appeared to > 500 disciples before ascension
    - Even brother James & other apostles/sent ones
  - Basis of the gospel Good News message... but how'd it play out?

### **SLIDE 18 – PEACE BE WITH YOU**

- #1 – Jesus GOES & PURSUES His followers – where they are
  - 1<sup>st</sup> locked room – disciples AFRAID of religious leaders
  - Jesus appears, “Peace be with you.” And they were glad
  - Restoration → Commission ...like I’ve been sent, I’m SENDING you
  - → breathes on them, receive HS → forgiveness of sins

### **SLIDE 19 – HAVE FAITH**

- #2 – Thomas – At least 1 disciple not there 1<sup>st</sup> time – he won’t believe “Not unless I can see & touch... too hard to be disappointed/heart broken”
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> locked room... still afraid?
  - Jesus reappears, “Peace be with you. C’mere Thomas.”
  - Examine nail & spear holes. “My Lord & My God.”
  - Now you believe... because you’ve seen. Blessed are those who believe W/O having to see with own eyes (faith in action)

### **SLIDE 20 – DO YOU LOVE ME?**

- #3 – Peter – 3x/denial... when he was the leader
  - didn’t see self as disciples “Go & tell my disciples & *Peter*...”
  - Back to what he knows, “I’m going fishing.” & the rest of the disciples too
  - Fished all night – caught nothing.
  - Jesus shows up in the morning, “Hey guys, how’s it going? Good fishing?”
  - Put the net on the right side of the boat... caught so many couldn’t pull it in
  - Peter jumps into the water
- Jesus asks for fish, Peter brings them, & Jesus cooks them up over coals
- RESTORATION
  - Simon, do you agape Me? Yes, Lord, You know I phileo you. Feed lambs
  - Simon, do you agape Me? Yes, Lord, You know I phileo you. Tend sheep.
  - Simon, do you phileo Me? Simon, grieved, “Yes I phileo you. Feed sheep.

### **SLIDE 21 – ALL THINGS NEW**

- Jesus’ resurrection – Good News!
  - Conquered death, grave, & Hell
  - Paid for sin, for all who would believe, for all time
- Points of abandonment, failure, denial, doubt, faithlessness
  - Jesus meets disciples where they are –
    - In a locked room, fearful & isolated – PEACE
    - Thomas – not willing to believe/hope – CONFIDENCE
    - Peter – gone back to fishing - RESTORATION
  - Disciples & failures, sought out by the Lord – RESURRECTION
    - Vs. starting over with new – He makes all things new
  - Because He’s ALIVE, WE WILL LIVE

### **SLIDE 22 – WHAT AM I DOING WITH THIS?**

### **SLIDE 23 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE**