

Hope is Rising – Connect 2000 years ago to today...Hope is rising in our lives! **Easter is Everything**

Birth = Promise & Provision | Crucifixion = Purpose & Price | Resurrection = Power & Preeminence

Big Idea = Hope only rises through the resurrection of Christ

Interrogative - Does your life reflect the hope of the resurrection?

At all times, trial or triumph, we should look to the Passion week...Passion = (Latin Suffering)

Passion Week = Palm Sunday and runs through the Crucifixion on Friday – Resurrection on Sunday

Follow **Peter Passion Week...Resurrection...Life Changed | Ambition – Failure – Restoration – Legacy**

• **Start with Thursday | Ambition of Apostle Peter that Christ flips to the ambition we should have**

John 13:1-11 = John's slows considerably – 12 chapters > 3 years | 6 Chapters > 1 night | Farewell Cycle

• **Jesus last hours instructing & encouraging – Express love to them one by one – Surprising | READ**

(1) Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

• Cross... 'hour' – Earthly ministry...close 'He loved them to the end' – Perfection | Completeness

○ Jesus loves His own with the fullest measure of perfect love

²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

• Abruptly shifts from complete perfection of Christ's love to the satanic darkness of Judas's Heart

³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper.

• Not forgetting He was God – Fully aware of Royalty – Conscious Supremacy & coming exaltation

With all that in mind...what would one do as he rose from supper...

• Knowing Power – Royalty – Supremacy...In the midst of the one who would betray Him...

○ **Judas involved with the devil** – Jesus could have consumed evil in a moment of divine power

▪ ...instead He drops and washes feet...serves...including the feet of the betrayer

(4) Rose...He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Washing feet = Menial task reserved for lowest of slaves – Jewish slaves not required...only Gentiles

• For a superior to wash the feet of an inferior was unheard of in either Jewish or Roman culture

1. Peter's Ambition: Jesus, You Will Not Serve Me | John 13:6-12

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said, "You shall never wash my feet."

• Objection is well-motivated - Embarrassed, Lord, clad as a slave, knelt and washed His soiled feet

Jesus was here...your first inclination...take your shoes off and hand him a pumice stone | NUTS!

Peter was right on one hand – He did not deserve to be served by our Lord

Peter was wrong on the other hand – He did have to obey the command of our Lord

a. **Jesus isn't serving you...He's submitting to His Father** – Jesus Equal to Father – Submitted

Father's will was that the Son pays your ransom...Jesus did this with joy | Glory & Love

We must undeservedly and obediently submit to the sacrifice of our Savior

If you believe you deserve to be served by God – Pride is terrifying

If you fail to obediently submit to the One who served perfectly – Your destination is terrifying

Jesus is submitting to the will of His Father...you are submitting to the suffering servant

(8b) Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.

Incredibly short sentence – This has nothing to do with feet...ETERNITY

Unless Jesus humbled Himself as a servant – Freely offered His life...we have no way home

Gravity – We must come begging the Lord to serve in the place of our sin – **Illustrates: Towel & Basin**

• Audacity of it all...The Christ of Creation – Christ of Perfection - Christ of Isaiah 6

○ High and Lifted – Train of His Robe - Angelic Adornment – Doorposts Shaking – Smoke

• **Kneels down His life & serves is Father by becoming the defilement of your soul**

Our sin should be washed in the lake of hellfire but is instead cleansed by the blood of Jesus

Peter now proves he'd make a good 21st century Christian – Overcorrects | **SERVING the CHURCH**

⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Kent Hughes 'The only reason Peter opens his mouth is to switch the foot he has in there'

¹⁰ Jesus, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean.

And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that's why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

Justification = Cleaned once - **Sanctification** = Ongoing cleansing through repentance & change

• **Life doesn't need a second saving...your mind needs an ol' fashioned repentance bath**

We don't want to confess our sins to God - **Keep your sin from Jesus = Abase the Cross**

I need you to place yourself there...at the table...just had the King of all Kings wash your feet...

(12) When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"

Do you see it...hope is rising! Only through the Christ...does your life reflect the hope of the Resurrection

How does our life reflect that hope?

2. Our Ambition: Jesus, We Will Serve You by Serving Others | John 13:13-17

¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher,

have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an

example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know

these things, blessed are you if you do them.

In Christianity...joy and happiness is not in rising the ranks – issuing edicts – having followers

• Living our life with a metaphorical towel around your arm...**Get out there and wash some feet**

• It's not about FOOT WASHING its about HUMBLE SERVICE (**Collective Sigh**)

¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

Kennedy – Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country

• **Ask not what others can do for you, but what you can do for others**

No servant should believe something is beneath them if it wasn't beneath the Master

¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master

We serve others as a response to God's mercy...not a way to satisfy God Wrath

Feel we struggle to serve others in two ways:

• We are looking for the reward in serving others...what could we have offered God

• We think others don't deserve us serving them...Jesus washed the feet of Judas...I'm Judas

Hope of Christ has risen in your life...it's time for you to take the dawn forward to others...SON

Get to know someone in here...Impact someone out there

GOOD FRIDAY - EASTER INVITES

¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

2000 years ago to today...Hope is rising...God is Alive! - Pray