



The Gospel According to John – The Resurrected King.

ADAMLONG | Week of Sunday April 11th, 2021

TEXT // John 20:19-31 English Standard Version

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON OVERVIEW // The ministry of Jesus is often described in terms of the major events that took place, often times the focus is set on His virgin birth, His ministry of teaching, His miraculous healings, His atoning death on the cross, His glorious resurrection from the grave, and finally His ascension to the throne in heaven. At the end of **John 20** we have reach a portion of His ministry which is easily overlooked, in the same way **Starry Night Over the Rhone** could be overlooked due to the popularity with **Starry Night**, and that is His ministry to the disciples.

SERMON GUIDE // John records four realities Jesus brought to His disciples, past and present, in the resurrection:

1. The Resurrected King brought **peace**. (vv.19-21A)
2. The Resurrected King brought **purpose**. (vv.21B-23)
3. The Resurrected King brought **power**. (v.22)
4. The Resurrected King brought **proof**. (vv.24-29)

SERMON APPLICATION // Our prayer is that when considering the earthly ministry of Jesus we would never stop celebrating the resurrection. But we also pray that if there is anyone listening to this right now that is struggling with fear, with lament, with sorrow that you would know the resurrection offers these realities brought to us in Jesus and so many more.

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Question 1 // Read **John 20:19-31**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // The resurrected king brought **purpose**. In **John 20:21** Jesus says, **Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you**. We are a people who are sent. Take time to reflect on the church; the Bride of Christ (as a whole) and her commitment to this purpose. *In what ways can we be more obedient for this purpose? In what ways do you see the church already fulfilling its purpose in this area?*

Question 3 // We are not left to complete this missional purpose on our own strength. We see in **John 20:22** that Jesus brought the Holy Spirit to equip them with **power**. In **John 16** we get a taste about the powerful role of the Holy Spirit when Jesus says to his disciples, *"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."* *How was it an advantage for the disciples that Jesus go away and send the Holy Spirit? What implications does that hold for us today? Discuss the Holy Spirit and His specific role in the life of the church.*

Question 4 // Adam argued that the Thomas is frequently mischaracterized by the title "Doubting Thomas" - but in reality it would appear he was merely still in a state of lament and sorrow over the loss of Jesus since he was not with the others during His first appearance. Adam also stated, *"Through the experience of Thomas, John shows how belief comes to maturity and how it changes the entire direction of an individuals life."* *How has your belief grown and matured? Can you cite various aspects of your walk?*

Reflection & Prayer

Spend time in praying that God would remind us of Christ's resurrection on a daily basis. But that He would also remind us of these realities offered to us, His children, through the resurrection. We pray for peace to abound in our hearts and lives. We pray for the clear understanding of our purpose in serving His name and renown. We pray the Holy Spirit would empower us to live like Christ more and more each day. And we pray our lives would be proof to the unbelieving world that Jesus is truly the Resurrected King.

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