

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
SERMON NOTES ON JOHN 20:24-31

**SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 20:24-31** // <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So 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." <sup>26</sup> Eight 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." <sup>27</sup> Then 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but 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.

**Life in an Uncertain World**  
**John 20:24-31**

How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ bring surprising security?

I. Redefines your life

A. Life with self in the center (v. 24-25)

B. Life with Christ in the center (v. 27-28)

II. Redefines reality

A. The reality of Jesus' resurrected body (v. 26-27)

B. Living in light of reality (v. 29-31)

**APPLICATION GUIDE**

1. In what ways do you attempt to control or manipulate God? Do you ever find yourself obeying God in order to get something from him?
2. In the "life with self in the center" paradigm, the more control you have, the more insecure you will be. Do you agree? Have you experienced this?
3. What is the evidence you are living in light of the reality of the risen Christ? What areas of insecurity in your life does the resurrection confront?

## MISSIONARY PRAYER // CITY RESCUE MISSION - JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA



City Rescue Mission in Jacksonville is a Christian recovery ministry City Rescue Mission has been serving the homeless and needy in Northeast Florida since 1946.

The original vision of offering “soup, soap and salvation” to alcoholics has evolved into a privately funded nonprofit organization whose mission is to rebuild the lives of the homeless and needy through life building programs and the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

Today, the Mission has served thousands of men, women and children as they provide addiction recovery, meals, shelter, and clothing for the community. Volunteering support is vital to the transforming work of the City Rescue Mission. City Rescue Mission offers a variety of volunteer opportunities including food service, general maintenance office/administrative service projects, professional services (i.e. medical, dental, job coaching, chapel), mentoring, tutoring/teaching, special events, thrift store and donation center.

Also, City Rescue Mission’s COVID-19 response is underway. If you can give an emergency gift to help them protect our most vulnerable neighbors – offering shelter from the streets, nutritious meals, and compassionate care – they would be so grateful. For more information about giving or volunteering go to CRM’s homepage at [www.crmjax.org](http://www.crmjax.org).

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

### How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs.

If you are interested in joining a group, fill out a connect card, check the community group box and drop it off at the connect table after the service so that a leader can contact you. You are welcome to try several groups to determine which one might be the best fit for you and your family.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // APRIL 13-19

Day	Date	Read
Mon	4/13/20	John 18, Proverbs 29
Tues	4/14/20	John 19, Proverbs 30
Wed	4/15/20	John 20, Proverbs 31:1-9
Thurs	4/16/20	John 21, Proverbs 31:10-31
Fri	4/17/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 1-2
Sat	4/18/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 3-4
Sun	4/19/20	Acts 1, Psalm 5