



## Is Your Name in His Scars?

Resurrection Sunday - April 17, 2022

Isaiah 49:13-16, “Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.” “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word; Amen!

Last Sunday, we began our new Sermon Series during this Passover Week with our emphasis being on Palm Sunday and on Resurrection Sunday respectively. Last Sunday, I preached a message entitled, “Hail Him or Nail Him” and it was during the message I presented a unique perspective based upon the two crowds that were in Jerusalem during that faithful week of Tragedy and Triumph.

The prophetic Words about Christ throughout the Old Testament that spoke of His Life and His subsequent crucifixion is only a part of the equation. I understand that this is not the typical Resurrection Sunday sermon but it is my heart’s desire to not simply ask us all a question today. Is your Name in His Scars?

When the Prophet Isaiah penned these words found in chapter 49, I believe that we are able to see a glimpse of the Love of God for His people; even when those people are questioning His love and care for them. Notice the closing words of this Passage of Text, “Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.”

These are three apparent themes that we can easily ascertain from these verses: God will never forget Us. He has engraved us on the palms of His hands. And Our walls, our lives, are ever before Him. Today, to the sinner and the saint, I come bearing Good News!

To the Sinner, Salvation through Christ can be yours today! And to the Saint, those who are born again, Sanctification and Fulfillment through Christ can be yours today! And in light of the Crucifixion story, what can we ascertain from the Scars that Christ bore in His body on that day of tragedy?

## 1) The Scars of His Hands Endowed Christ with the Power to Rewrite the Story which your Hands have Written!

a) The Gospel of Saint John 8:1-11, “but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the

woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

- b) The hands which would be scarred were the same hands that touch the dust of the ground as the woman lay before all to see in her shame
- c) It was Christ’s interaction with the crowd which stopped the stoning of this woman who was caught in adultery. The unique dynamic of this story is that Jesus stopped a stoning of this woman all the while doodling in the dirt. And after everyone else walked away, Jesus stopped putting his hand in the mud of a dirty street and put his hands into the dirtiest places of a woman’s soul and began to write her a new story.
- d) This story allows us to grasp a beautiful view of the Grace and Love of Christ and see that even in our darkest of times, His Grace is sufficient for us.
- e) And just as this woman, we too were found in our sins and our shame but thanks be unto God that our Shame did not cause Him to shy away from us but rather it was His grace and tender mercies that began the process of putting our lives back together.

f) As the old hymn declares, “Tis grace that brought me safe this far,  
and grace will lead me home.”

g) His hands can write us a new story and rewrite the ending which our  
sins had ordained for us because of the Scars of His Hands! Church,  
His grace shall lead us home!

## 2) The Scars of His Feet Endowed Christ with the Power to Retread the Path which Your Feet have Trod!

a) The Gospel of Saint John 13:3-9, “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, rose from supper. He laid aside his  
outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 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. He  
came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my  
feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not  
understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to  
him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do  
not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him,  
“Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

- b) In this passage, we see Christ washing the feet of His Disciples but Peter refused to allow Him to do this until Jesus made it clear that he would have no part of the Kingdom unless he allowed Jesus to clean the dirtiest places in his life.
- c) It was at this moment that Peter responds with the statement, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus was ministering to them all in a way that at the time, they did not fully understand the implications of this interaction.
- d) And like Peter, we have all walked in a way that was not in the Paths of the Lord thus we pick up the dirt of the World which will have an impact upon our lives. It is because of this reason that the Prophet Jeremiah declared the following...
- e) Jeremiah 6:16, “Thus says the Lord: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”
- f) When the Roman Soldiers pierced His feet during the crucifixion of Christ, it was these wounds that would bring divine healing to our feet by providing a way for our Walk with the Lord to be Restored.

g) The wounds of our lives because of the Paths that we had trod would be healed by the wounds that they placed in His feet. There is healing in those scars; there is restoration in those scars; there is power in those scars and it is by His wounds that we are healed!

h) And finally in closing, point #3...

### 3) The Scars of His Side Endowed Christ with the Power to Restore the Heart which You Scarred with Sin!

a) The Gospel of John 20:24-28, “Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.” 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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

- b) When Thomas has this amazing experience with the Lord, it is unique that Christ's first words are "Peace be with you". Dear heart, you will only find peace in this Life through the Peace that Christ brings by the restorative work of the Cross. But it did not stop there... He speaks His peace over them and then engages Thomas by allowing him to touch the scars which bore the sins of the world! How amazing is that? Thomas was able to touch the wounds that killed the Christ but gave Life unto a Fallen Humanity!
- c) The Works of our Hands and the Paths that we have Walked will always directly impact our Hearts when it comes to the destructive power of Sin. Not only did Christ receive the wounds of His hands and feet for our Sins but He also took a spear to His side thus piercing His heart and all of this was done in so that our Hearts could be healed as well!
- d) So my question for all of us today is simply this... Is your Name in His Scars? Are you Born Again? Have you been Redeemed? Christ died for us... therefore let us all choose, today, to Live for Him!