

Jesus On Purpose: The Path Of A Resurrected Heart

Part 7- Summarizing the First 6 parts

Texts: Matthew 1-4 ; Mark 1; Luke 1-5

I. The Question This Series Has Been Asking

For six sermons we have been walking through one question:

What kind of heart can carry resurrection life?

Not just believe in resurrection.

Not just celebrate resurrection.

But **carry it**.

Because the resurrection of Jesus is not only something we believe happened.

It is **a life we are invited into**.

And when we step back and look at the life of Jesus from the beginning, we see something remarkable:

Jesus did not wait until the cross to begin teaching resurrection.

He modeled resurrection living from the very beginning.

II. THE HEART THAT CHOSE THE PATH

Sermon 1 – The Beginning Heart Posture

At Christmas we often focus on the beauty of the manger.

But the deeper truth is this:

Jesus' birth already contained the shape of the cross. He did not enter history unaware of the cost. He came intentionally.

As the Christmas Eve narrative says:

He knew the weight of flesh, the sorrow ahead, and still came close.

From the beginning we saw:

- The manger was wood
- The cross was wood
- The cloth at birth mirrors the cloth at burial

The mission never changed.

Jesus came **toward us, through death, into resurrection life.**

This is the **first lesson of the resurrected heart:**

Love comes close even when it knows the cost.

III. THE HEART THAT ACCEPTS THE SWORD

Sermon 2 – “A Sword Will Pierce Your Soul”

The first prophecy spoken over Jesus was not triumph.

It was suffering.

Simeon said to Mary:

“A sword will pierce your own soul also.”

Before Jesus healed anyone... Before He preached... Before miracles happened...

***God revealed something foundational:

Resurrection is promised, but suffering is guaranteed.

Simeon modeled watchman faith. - Mary modeled costly surrender.

Together they show us:

A resurrected heart learns to trust God even under the shadow of pain.

IV. THE HEART FORMED IN OBSCURITY

Sermon 3 – “Thirty Years of Silence”

The most surprising fact about Jesus’ life is this:

We have three years of ministry.

But thirty years of silence.

Luke only tells us: *“The child grew... and increased in wisdom and stature.”*

God hid His Son for three decades. Why?

Because:

Formation matters more than visibility.

Nazareth was not wasted time. It was preparation. Before Jesus carried a cross...

He carried tools.

Before resurrection power... There were thirty years of obedience.

A resurrected heart is built in places where no one sees.

v. THE HEART SECURE IN IDENTITY

Sermon 4 – “This Is My Beloved Son”

Before Jesus performed a single miracle, the Father said:

“This is my beloved Son.”

Identity came **before** ministry. Sonship came **before** sacrifice.

***Why does this matter?

Because everything that follows in Jesus’ life flows from that moment. Resurrection confidence flows from **secure identity**.

If you don’t know who you are in the Father... You will try to prove it. And that leads directly into the wilderness.

vi. THE HEART THAT REFUSES SHORTCUTS

Sermon 5 – “You Can Have the Kingdom Without the Cross”

Satan’s offer to Jesus was simple:

Take the Kingdom. - Skip the Cross. - Authority without surrender. - Glory without suffering.

The three temptations revealed three shortcuts:

- Bread without dependence
- Faith without trust
- Kingdom without worship

But Jesus refused them all.

Because He knew something we often forget:

Any kingdom that avoids the cross is not God’s kingdom.

Resurrection only comes through obedience.

VII. THE HEART THAT LEARNS TO DIE

Sermon 6 – “Follow Me... and Die”

When Jesus began His ministry, His first invitation was shocking.

Not: “Improve yourself.”

Not: Join a movement.”

But: **“Follow Me.”**

And the fishermen immediately left their nets.

Why?

Because Jesus was not recruiting helpers. He was dismantling identities.

The call narratives show three deaths:

Death to Security — The Nets

They left their livelihood behind.

Resurrection people trust God more than their safety nets.

Death to Status — The Father

James and John left Zebedee.

Identity rooted in family honor gave way to identity rooted in the Father.

Death to Certainty — The Path

Jesus offered no roadmap. Only:

“Follow Me.”

This is discipleship:

Losing the life you built to receive the life God offers.

VIII. THE THREAD RUNNING THROUGH ALL SIX SERMONS

When you put them together, the pattern becomes clear.

Jesus is showing us the **formation of a resurrected heart.**

It looks like this:

1. **Love that comes close** (The Manger)
2. **Faith that accepts suffering** (The Sword)
3. **Obedience formed in obscurity** (Nazareth)
4. **Identity rooted in the Father** (The Baptism)
5. **Refusal of shortcuts** (The Wilderness)
6. **Discipleship through self-death** (Follow Me)

This is the path.

Not hype.

Not instant victory.

But a slow, deep formation that prepares a person to walk through death and come out alive.

- **The one sentence that sums up the series:**

Jesus did not just come to **teach resurrection**. He came to **form people who could live it.**

So the question is not simply:

Do you believe Jesus rose?

The real question is:

Are you willing to walk the path He walked?

Because the invitation still stands:

Leave your nets.
Leave your Zebedee.
Release your certainty.
Follow Him...
And die.
So that you can finally live.