



All Things New – New work begins.

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BIG IDEA – All things new means new ways of doing life.

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Jesus’ resurrection was the greatest news the world has ever received! Yet, the way Christ’s death happened, with such horrific intensity and suddenness left his friends in complete and total shock. Have you ever experienced the darkness of grief and simultaneously received the best news ever? Jesus had forty days to wrap up everything God would need to launch His Church. There was a lot that had to be done. Let’s find out how Jesus stayed on mission and why he chose to do it a specific way.

[Joy Warren](#), cofounder of Saddleback Church, wife of Pastor Rick Warren writes, “I used to think life was like a series of highs and lows, but now I believe life is more like a set of parallel train tracks, with happiness and sorrow running side-by-side.” If I am not mistaken, Rick found out about Kay’s cancer at the same time he found out about making the New York Times Bestseller list in 2002 ([Purpose Driven Life](#) selling 50 million copies, in more than 85 languages, by 2020).

It is not unusual that in the worst seasons of our life, we can have some best moments we’ve ever seen!

Christ’s resurrection does make All Things New!

However, all new things can only take place when old things pass away! All things new mean change. All things new means adjusting and accommodating

new perspectives, new habits, new behaviors, and a whole new way of doing life!

Let's face it, all things new means all new work!

Real change won't just happen on its own, it must be fostered and tended to, like a new plant in its fragile state.

This is exactly what Jesus had in mind before he left the planet. Jesus only had forty days to set up a whole new way to do faith!

Sure, Jesus started with a handful of unqualified men and women, but by the time he left, and the Spirit of God was physically poured out on the 120 that gathered on Pentecost Sunday (50 Days after the passover and resurrection day) – they were ready to change the entire world!

But first, **it all started with a simple beach breakfast around a fire pit in Galilee...**

Restoration & Reinstatement

Jesus told the disciples exactly where he would be after he died and came back to life (Matthew 26:32). Then, an angel told the women, Jesus was going to Galilee, and they will see him there (Matthew 28:7).

What was the significance of Galilee?

It's where it all began.

- **[Nazareth was a suburb of Galilee.](#)**

Jesus lived in Galilee for approximately thirty years. Galilean Jews had a recognizable accent, that is why Jesus' disciples were easily identified. Jesus spent so much time in Galilee that he was often referred to as [Jesus of Galilee.](#)

- **Jesus' ministry began in Galilee.**

Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would make his ministry base out of Galilee. Isaiah 9:1 "Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, **but there will be a time in the future when *Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.**" *The Way of the Sea.

- **Jesus called his first followers out of Galilee.**

But going back to Galilee after his resurrection was significant for his disciples. There was a critical moment that happened on the Galilean Beach. Peter needed to be restored and reinstated, more than the other disciples.

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All of the guys scattered fulfilling the prophecy in **Zechariah 13:7**. But two of the disciples had done something far more egregious!

Judas and Peter fulfilled a different prophecy in **Psalms 41:9**. Now, if you’re wondering why Jesus told his friends that the traitor is the one who dips his bread with him (Matthew 26:23, John 13:26). Oftentimes we find these details odd, but **Jesus was constantly fulfilling prophecy!**

John 21:15-19

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter,

- 1. “Simon son of John, do you love (agapaó-deep, selfless, Godly love) me more than these?”** “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love (phileó-friendship, familial love) you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.
- 2. Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love (agapaó) me?”** “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love (phileó) you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.
- 3. A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love (phileó) me?”** Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love (phileó) you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.

“I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. **But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.**” Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.””

Three denials, three restorative affirmations!

Jesus told Peter he would deny him three times ([John 13:38](#))

And in fact, Peter did deny Jesus three times. ([Matthew 26:69–75](#), [Mark 14:66–72](#); [Luke 22:54–62](#); [John 18:15–18](#)),

But now, just a week later Jesus is able to ask three restorative questions and give Peter three affirming words – reinstating him, forgiving him as an Apostle – the ROCK by which Jesus renamed him!

With each question, Jesus was digging deep into Peter's soul, not trying to hurt him, **but to help him process everything they had been through together and more importantly, what would be required of Peter in the future.** With each question, “do you love me,” it allowed Peter to affirm his love back to Jesus three times, “you know I love you.”

More about the four Greek words for [love](#).

It was probably just as important to let the other disciples see that Jesus restores and reinstates those who fail and disappoint God!

FAILURE DOESN'T MEAN FOREVER.

Peter was restored contrasting what happened to Judas. Luke tells us later what happened to Judas in Acts 1:16-20. Again, fulfilling prophecy out of [Psalm 69:25](#) and [Psalm 109:8](#).

The Great Commission ([Matthew 28:18–20](#))

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Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, **“I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Remember, I have been explaining to you our own mission, here at Candlewood Church is Jesus last command.

But I will always point out that Jesus used a unique version of the Greek word, disciple. In Matthew's gospel Jesus used the word, **“mathéteuó.”** which is

translated, “**to be a disciple, to make a disciple.**” Thus, our mission, Disciple: Be one, Make one, reflects what we are all about doing around here.

- We don't just have Life Groups because they are amazing, healthy, fun, and critical to our growth in Christ.
- We are not just having church, gathering, and worshipping God as followers of Christ are supposed to do.
- We are not just having epic events for community, conversation and building relationships together.

No, Candlewood Church exists to BE and MAKE Disciples!

Jesus doesn't just restore us and reinstate us, he has commissioned us, appointed us to continue the work that he began.

The Ascension (Luke 24: 50–51)

Luke 24:50-53 Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, **he left them and was taken up to heaven**. So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

Jesus eulogized them as he left them. JESUS LEFT EARTH.

Why did Jesus have to leave?

But Jesus said it himself, “it is better if I do!”

John 16:7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

John Piper has a great article on this, “**Why Is It Better That Christ Went Away?**”

John posed an even better question: “What is God doing in the world, and why does he do it the way he does it?”

Because God has purposes, promises, and plans to fulfill and has designed the perfect way to make it all happen!

Jesus also gave us a hint in

John 16:12-15 There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. **When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.** He will not speak

on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

How critical is it that Jesus wouldn't just restore us but also **reinstate us to our God-given purpose** for being here on this beautiful, but broken planet?

How amazing that **Jesus would then completely trust us to continue the work he did while here on earth** – freeing, healing, loving, and building up people who are trapped, sick, alone, and left feeling like **outsiders** everywhere they go. We get the privilege and honor of being Jesus to the broken!

Christ's resurrection gives us a NEW restoration, responsibility, and reward for believing and following Him!

NOTES

Scriptures

Matthew 26:32 NLT But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.

Matthew 28:7 NLT And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you. [the angel said]

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Compare to Judas

Acts 1:17-20

Judas was one of us and shared in the ministry with us." (Judas had bought a field with the money he received for his treachery. Falling headfirst there, his body split open, spilling out all his intestines. The news of his death spread to all the people of Jerusalem, and they gave the place the Aramaic name Akeldama, which means "Field of Blood.") Peter continued, "This was written in the book of Psalms, where it says, 'Let his home become desolate, with no one living in it.' It also says, 'Let someone else take his position.'"

Psalms 69:25

May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents.

Psalms 109:8

Let his years be few; let someone else take his position.

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1 Corinthians 15:3-7

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. **Then he was seen by James** and later by all the apostles.

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Commentaries

Benson Commentary – John 21:1

Jesus, then in person, **ordered his disciples to go home to Galilee, with a promise that they should see him there**, it is reasonable to think that they would depart as soon as possible. Wherefore when they were come to their respective homes and were employed in their former occupation of fishing.

Clarke Commentary

This was the seventh appearance of our Lord after the resurrection.

Expositor's Bible Commentary – great prose!

And as we watch their six oars flashing in the setting sun, and Peter steering them to the familiar fishing ground, **we cannot but reflect in how precarious a position the whole future of the world is. That boat carries the earthly hope of the Church; and as we weigh the feelings of the men that are in it, what we see chiefly is, how easily the whole of Christianity might here have broken short off, and never have been heard of, supposing it to have depended for its propagation solely on the disciples.** Here they were, not knowing what had become of Jesus, without any plan for preserving His name among men, open to any impulse or influence, unable to resist the smell of the fishing boats and the freshness of the evening breeze, and submitting themselves to be guided by such influences as these, **content apparently to fall back into their old ways and obscure village life, as if the last three years were a dream, or were like a voyage to foreign parts, which they might think of afterwards, but were not to repeat.** All the facts they were to use for the conversion of the world were already in their possession; the death of Christ and His resurrection were not a fortnight old; but as yet they had no inward impulse to proclaim the truth; there was no Holy Ghost powerfully impelling and possessing them; they were not endued with power from on high. One thing only they seemed to be decided and agreed about--that they must live; and therefore they go a-fishing.

MacLaren Expositions Of Holy Scripture – John 21:4

Well, there are two lessons there, and the one is **this-let us Christian people learn with what open hearts and hands we should welcome a penitent when he**

comes back. The other is,-let us learn who they are to whom Jesus Christ deigns to manifest Himself-not immaculate monsters, but men that, having fallen, have learned humility and caution, and by penitence have risen to a securer standing, and have turned even their transgressions into steps in the ladder that lifts them to Christ.

[Glenn: There was two restorations: One, restoring Peter to Jesus. Two, restoring Peter to the others. Both were critical for mission unity.]

Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible

The Scriptures of the prophets he refers to, as having, or about to have, by this conduct, their accomplishment, were such, as regarded the betraying him by Judas, the taking him in this secret, private, insidious, yet violent manner; in all which he showed great meekness, calmness, and submission, as **Psalm 41:9**. As also what respected the scattering, and hasty flight of his disciples from him, **Zechariah 13:7**, which in the next clause is shown to be accomplished,

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[Why did Jesus send the disciples back to Galilee?](#)