



## **Resurrection Sunday (April 12, 2020) Sermon Notes**

- 1.) Jesus pursues us.
- 2.) He pursues us in a way that exudes tenderness and patience.
- 3.) The Lord Jesus wants a relationship with us.

### **Matthew 28:2-20, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-44, John 20-21:14 – Harmonized in Chronological Order using the ESV**

STONE ROLLED AWAY. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. (**Matthew 28:2-4** – Sunday morning)

WOMEN COME TO TOMB. When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. (Matthew 28:1, **Mark 16:1-4**, Luke 24:1-3, John 20:1; **At the tomb – Sunday morning**)

RESURRECTION ANNOUNCED. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” (Matthew 28:5-7, **Mark 16:5-7**)

WOMEN REMINDED OF PROPHECY. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered His words. **(Luke 24:4-8)**

WOMEN GO AWAY FEARFUL. <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. **(Mark 16:8)**

PETER AND JOHN TOLD. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” **(John 20:2)**

PETER AND JOHN VIEW TOMB. <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes. **(Luke 24:12, John 20:3-10 – At tomb)**

JESUS WITH MARY MAGDALENE. <sup>MK</sup><sup>9</sup>[Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.] <sup>JN</sup><sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, **“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”** Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, **“Mary.”** She turned and said to Him in Aramaic,

“Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.’” (Mark 16:9, John 20:11-17)

JESUS APPEARS TO WOMEN. <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.” (Matthew 28:8-10)

CHIEF PRIESTS COVER UP. <sup>11</sup> While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup> and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’” <sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. (Matthew 28:11-15)

WOMEN TELL OF APPEARANCE. <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. (Mark 16:10-11, Luke 24:9-11, John 20:18)

JESUS APPEARS TO CLEOPAS. <sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup> And He said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that He was the One to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of

our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup> And He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. (Mark 16:12, **Luke 24:13-27; Road to Emmaus – Sunday afternoon**)

JESUS’ IDENTITY REVEALED. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged Him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?” (**Luke 24:28-32; Emmaus – Sunday evening**)

CLEOPAS TELLS OF APPEARANCE. <sup>LK 33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And there [<sup>JN 19</sup> on the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews] they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Mark 16:13, **Luke 24:33-35, John 20:19**)

JESUS APPEARS TO DISCIPLES. <sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and He took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of

Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” (Mark 16:14, **Luke 24:36-44**, John 20:20 – **Sunday evening**)

APOSTLES RECEIVE AUTHORITY. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” (**John 20:21-23**)

THOMAS DOUBTS. <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.” (**John 20:24-25**)

JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS. <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.” (**John 20:26-29 – Week after resurrection**)

JESUS APPEARS TO DISCIPLES. After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and He revealed Himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to Him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered Him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yardsoff. <sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to

them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?” They knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead. **(John 21:1-14; Sea of Galilee – Some later time)**