

- Welcome
 - ◇ Not taught at SNT since May 4 (Ch 8).
 - ◇ Good to teach...blesses me more than you.
 - ◇ NASB
- Johns chapter of Resurrection and redemption.
 - ◇ The make or break event of Christianity.

1Co 15:12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1Co 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

1Co 15:14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

1Co 15:15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

1Co 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

1Co 15:17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

1Co 15:18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

1Co 15:19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

- ◇ Jesus defeating death is a foundational element of Christianity.
 - If He did not rise from the dead then a great mystery would still be among us...that of the after life.
- ◇ Core of the resurrection is:
 1. Christs example of love, "Giving his life for friends";

Eph 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.
 2. Physical, tangible proof to His Promise of Eternal life;

Joh 10:27-28 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.
- ◇ Public death, private resurrection
 - Just like Jesus Explained to His disciples why he spoke in parables.

Mar 4:10-12 As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, began asking Him about the parables. And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables, so that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN."

- One more thing before I start is the the discrepancies between Gospels.
 - ◊ Minor details like Mary, and other women.
- Mar 16; Mary Magdalene, Mary Jesus Mother and Salome (and Joanna and James mother).
 - Lk; Plural, just “they”
 - Matthew; Mary and “the other Mary”
- ◊ Angels
 - Matthew - Earthquake, One angel (moves rock)
 - Mark - One angel in tomb
 - Luke - 2 angels in tomb.
 - John – 2 angels in tomb.
 - ⊕ Often only one in the party is mentioned if the other does not speak.
 - ⊕ Matthew using Mark as a source.
 - ⊕ I think John give more details of the account because
 1. He was there
 2. He realized by the time he was writing his gospel, that the event was so significant that all the details were needed.

Jn 20:1

- Early Sunday morning...Sabbath on Saturday...six day work week.
- Three days.
 1. Died Friday (1), Grave Saturday (2), Sunday morn (3)
 2. Died Thursday (1), Two Sabbaths [weekly, passover] (2-3)
 3. Died Wednesday, Two days Sabbath prep (1-2), Saturday (3)

Joh 20:1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.

Joh 20:2 So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

Joh 20:3 So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb.

- She assumed the body was stolen by the Pharisees
 - ◊ Being angry at Jesus having a burial plot of a respected man..

⊗ This may have gotten Peter and John kind of excited

Joh 20:4 The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;

- Peter and John
 - ◇ We assume the other disciple” is John because he often refers to himself this way I don't know why John mentions that he is first to the tomb.
 - Maybe to show through his youth he still give leave to Peter.
 - Maybe a very detailed account as an argument of proof.

Joh 20:5 ... stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in.

Joh 20:6 And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there,

Joh 20:7 and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

Joh 20:8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.

Joh 20:9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

- What did he believe? In light of v. 9. parenthetical note by author – They did not yet understand that Jesus was going to be resurrected.
 - ◇ Even though there was prophecies in Hos 6:2, Isa 53:10-12, Psa 16:10
 - ◇ Simply that the body was gone, stolen, moved or otherwise.
- John is only gospel the give an account of the shroud. Only gospel that give us any kind of detail in the tomb.
- Face Cloth
 - ◇ Theories of what it is...
- Shroud of Turin
 - ◇ If thieves stole Jesus body they would not have unwrapped the linen.
 - ◇ If grave robbers unwrapped the linen to steal jewelery (which Jesus had none) then they would not have taken the body nor would they have taken time to fold up the face cloth.
 - ◇ Even if you had two parties of thieves.
 - One unwrapped Jesus to find no jewelry and left
 - The next come and take the unwrapped body
 - Still does not explain the folded face cloth
 - ⊕ Thus the detail.
 - ◇ History of Shroud
 - 944 Image of Edessa (20004 Vatican produced a sermon based on ...)
 - 1205 Pope Innocent III writes a protest against the attack of Constantinople in which he describes the relics there, including “the linen in which our Lord Jesus Christ was wrapped after his death and before the resurrection”
 - 1357, widow of the French knight presents the “Holy Winding Sheet”
 - ⊕ Oldest historically accepted recording.
 - Stored in Turin Italy ever since.

⊗ After this description the disciples run off to tell everyone off.

Jn 20:11 – Mary an the Angels

Joh 20:10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes.
Joh 20:11 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;

- Why Mary Magdalene
 - ◇ Who is Mary Magdalene. - Much was forgiven her, therefore she loved much
 - Lk 8:2, Mk 16:9; seven demons ...
 - ◇ Wonderful gift for her dedication to Jesus. (anointing Jesus in ch. 12)

Joh 20:11 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;
Joh 20:12 and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

- And the first Easter begins.
 - ◇ Glory Glory Hallelujah **He reigns.**
 - ◇ **Pray**
- Parallel of angles on Jesus grave and cherubim in Ex 25:22
 - ◇ Reflect back to Chapter 4...
 - Samaritan woman ask Jesus where to worship...
 - Jesus answers,

Joh 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
Joh 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- Now remember Exodus 25:16-22

Exo 25:16 "You shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.
Exo 25:17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide.
Exo 25:18 "You shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat.
Exo 25:19 "Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.
Exo 25:20 "The cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the mercy seat.
Exo 25:21 "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you.
Exo 25:22 "There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

- ◇ Mercy Seat – “Christ is the true meeting place between God and Man”
 - He is risen!...glory glory hallelujah, he reigns!
 - No longer are we restrained to a temple to worship in a temple
 - ⊕ Jesus is that temple.
 - ⊕ Jesus is in us.

1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
1Co 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

⊗ Here we see Mary obviously not understanding the wondrous thing that has happened.

Joh 20:13 And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."
Joh 20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.
Joh 20:15 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."
Joh 20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).
Joh 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"
Joh 20:18 Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

- Stop clinging to me...weak? New body?

2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;
2Co 5:15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.
2Co 5:16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.
2Co 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

- ◇ Mary probably expected Jesus to now take temporal throne.
 1. It is no longer the time to cling to Jesus physically
 2. Concordance ref to 2 Ki 7:9 were the two lepers go out to the opposing army of Arameans and find them scared away through the night.
 - ⊕ They reap the army's reward and realize they are being selfish and need to tell Jerusalem that they are safe.
- ◇ He has not yet ascended and completed His glorification.

⊗ I think there is some interesting significance to Jesus ascension, but I ran out of study time and will leave it open for discussion at the end.

But for now lets look into some more obvious significant events as Jesus speak to His disciples

Disciples receive

- The following evening Jesus meets with disciples 2 -7 (John included?)

Joh 20:19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Joh 20:20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Joh 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Joh 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."

- Peace be with you. I think "Peace" is a word that has lost its meaning, it has become banal. What is meant by peace.
 - ◇ Well lets see what Jesus says,

Mat 6:25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

Mat 6:26 "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"

Mat 6:27 "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?"

Mat 6:28 "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,

Mat 6:29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

Mat 6:30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!"

- A blessing beyond explanation...peace.
 - ◇ A true fruit of faith; Brings confidence.
 - ◇ Look at the opposite, anxiety...destructive.
 - ◇ A peace not of the world.

Joh 14:27-28 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

"You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

⊗ That peace is not from this world...it is from the Holy Spirit.

- Previously (O.T.) the Holy Spirit of God would come to people as He saw fit.
- Then God sets up a temple for the Hebrews to come and seek the presence of God.

Joh 7:38-9 "...Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- Now the Holy Spirit of God is acceptable to all...Jesus has been glorified.
 - ◇ 20:19 they were in fear...thus Jesus give them H.S. Pre Pentecost
 - "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline." [2 Tim 1:7]
 - [Eph 1:13] Seal of the Holy Spirit
 - ◇ Breathed.
 - God breathed life in to Adam – Jesus breathed H.S. into disciples. [Matthew Henry]
 - But also breath as judgment, Isa 11:4, 30:33
 - Ezekiel has some great imagery that I think foreshadows Jesus giving us the breath of life.
 - ⊕ I will read it a little backwards 11-14 then 8-10 because the explanation of the vision that Ezekiel has is explained after in 10-14, then the vision.

Eze 37:11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished We are completely cut off.'

Eze 37:12 "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.

Eze 37:13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.

Eze 37:14 "I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."

Eze 37:8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Eze 37:9 Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.'"

Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

- ◇ Lk 24:44-48, “opened their minds to scripture”
- ◇ And in doing so they receive peace and discernment.

Joh 20:23 "If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

- Doctrine of Condemnation and Reconciliation

1. J.R. Mantey - "...miss translation of perfect tense..."
 - English assumes a cause effect when a sentence begins with “if”
 - I think Mantey is suggesting that the later part of the sentence...the sins have already been forgiven and the disciples now with the Holy spirit can discern that and forgive.
 - Likewise for those who have not come to Christ.
2. Forgiveness between one another not against God (but that is the start)
3. The authority to teach forgiveness or condemnation through Christ
 - **Act 2:38** Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - Acts 3:19
 - BUT 2 Cor 2:10
 - ⊕ Reinstating person of 1 Cor 5
 - ⊕ Paul expresses his authority of forgiveness (reconciliation)

2Co 2:10 But one whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ,
2Co 2:11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

- Other points of interest that relate to this verse are; keys of the kingdom of heaven...bind – loosed things on earth and in heaven. [Mat 16:19, Mat 18:18] Bind – loosed
 - ◇ [Albert Barnes Notes]

⊗ But we have a forgiving God. And we should act likewise.

As we read on about Jesus giving Thomas a chance to believe.

Thomas

Joh 20:24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

Joh 20:25 So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Joh 20:26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Joh 20:27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

Joh 20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Joh 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

- Hands
 - ◇ G5495 Originally it meant the whole arm from the shoulder to the end of the fingers
 - ◇ *Bill Mounce* argues that many languages have common words to describe the appendage from the elbow including the hand.
 - This would sit well with the Hebrew culture speaking Greek because Hebrew has a term for hand and another term to describe from the the hand to the elbow. Thus this would be the culturally expected way of describing ones appendage.
- Not seen and believe.
- I also think that this story lets us know that God is not angry nor worried when we questions. We need to ask for His wisdom and be willing to listen.

Written so that you may believe

Joh 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

Joh 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.