



# Morningside Church

## Sermon Discussion Guide

**Title: The Resurrection of the King**

**Date: March 31, 2024**

**Scripture Text: John 20:1-31**

### **Notes:**

Happy Easter! Today we conclude our sermon series focusing on the week leading up to the death, burial, and resurrection of King Jesus. So far, we've looked at the *Coronation of the King*, the *Confrontation of the King*, and the *Crucifixion of the King*. Today's sermon is focused on the *Resurrection of the King*. This is the greatest day on the Christian calendar as we celebrate our risen Savior. No other religion's object of worship is alive, never to die, except Christianity. It is with a thankful heart that we remember the redemptive work of Jesus, especially this time of year. Let us look at the impact the resurrection had on those closest to Jesus as we consider the impact it has on our own lives.

#### **I. There is Consolation for the Heavy Heart (John 20:11-18)**

[John 20:1-10](#) describes Mary Magdalene's initial encounter with the empty tomb. She runs to tell the disciples, then Peter and John race to see for themselves. Once they see the tomb is empty and the conditions of the graveclothes left behind, they return to the other disciples, leaving Mary alone at the tomb. Two angels engage her, but she is too overwhelmed with emotion, assuming someone had taken the body of Jesus away. Then she encounters Jesus Himself but does not initially recognize Him. He calls her by name. She then recognizes Him.

- Who did Mary initially think Jesus was?
- Why do you think Mary did not recognize Jesus at first?
- In the parable of the Good Shepherd, [John 10:1-5](#), Jesus states that the Good Shepherd calls His sheep by name, and they respond because they know His voice. How did this play out with Jesus and Mary?
- How can the resurrection of Jesus console the heavy heart?

#### **II. There is Confidence for the Faint Hearted (John 20:19-23)**

As evening approaches, we find the disciples behind locked doors fearing what might happen to them. Their Master had just been brutally executed, and they may be next. Jesus appears in their midst saying to them "Peace be with you." Peace is exactly what they needed at that time. He tells them He has a job for them to do. He is sending them out to share the gospel message. He equips them to do so with the Holy Spirit. He transformed their fear to confidence to do what He had called them to do.



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- What was the job Jesus had for them to do?
- How did He equip them to do it?
- Why is it important for us to remember Jesus equips us to do what He asks us to do?
- What is the danger in trying to accomplish a task Jesus called you to do on your own?
- How does He equip us today?
- How can the resurrection of Jesus give confidence to the faint hearted?

### **III. There is Confirmation for the Seeking Heart (John 20:24-29)**

Thomas was absent when Jesus appeared to the disciples the evening of His resurrection. When Thomas heard what happened, he refused to believe until he could see Jesus for himself. One week later he had the opportunity. Jesus very intentionally did what Thomas asked so he would believe. He also wants us to believe!

- How did Jesus prove to Thomas He was who the disciples said He was?
- What proof do we have today that Jesus is who He says He is?
- How can the resurrection of Jesus be a confirmation for the seeking heart?

### **IV. There is Restoration for the Struggling Saint (Mark 16:7)**

The last time Peter saw Jesus before He was crucified, he had just denied Him three times. Peter was heartbroken. Jesus wanted to make sure Peter knew He had been resurrected and sought to restore Peter to effective service for Him.

- When we stumble in our Christian walk, why is it important to repent and refocus on serving Christ?
- If we are too distracted by the times we stumble, how effective will our service for Christ be?
- How can the resurrection of Jesus bring restoration to the struggling saint?

### **V. There is Salvation for the Lost Soul (John 20:30-31)**

John's purpose for writing his gospel was so that those who read it would "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."

- Do you believe that you can have eternal life through Jesus Christ ([John 3:16-17](#))?
- How can the resurrection of Jesus provide salvation for the lost soul?