

Sermon Notes Resurrection Sunday

March 31st, 2024

- **Resurrection Sunday – God Love’s a Good Redemption Story!**
- A quick rundown of Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday...
 - Today we look at the events surrounding the resurrection with an eye on Peter.
- Who is Peter? He was a disciple named Simon. An impulsive man prone to extremes.
 - He was a fisherman. Jesus used Simon’s boat...then performed a miracle. **Luke 5:1-11**
 - Simon was a regular guy, a laborer.
 - There is no indication that Simon was impressed by Jesus preaching...but the fish!!!
 - So, Simon left everything to follow Jesus.
 - Later on, maybe 2 to 3 years later, Jesus asked an important question: **Matthew 16:13-18**.
 - Simon got a new name! He is now Peter, which means ‘rock’.
 - What does “on this rock I will build my church” mean? On Peter??
 - Palm Sunday: Jesus is proclaimed King
 - Jesus enters Jerusalem as King of the Jews. **Matt 21:1-11**
 - What was Peter, expecting?? Jesus becomes King!! They’re going to win!!
 - Jesus teaches in Jerusalem during this week. Many like him, some don’t.
 - Judas, gets a bad taste in his mouth from an extravagant offering given to Jesus.
 - Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper
 - Lots of wonderful things happened that evening: institution of Holy Communion, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, there were prayers and deep connections in the group.
 - But Jesus says he will be betrayed, and that Peter will deny him three times.
 - Judas betrays Jesus and brings the bad guys to arrest him. **John 18:1-12**
 - Peter is ready to go to war and die...but that isn’t God’s plan.
 - This confuses Peter, and he doesn’t know what to do. It doesn’t go well. **Luke 22:54-62**
 - Good Friday: The day of the crucifixion. Jesus is tried and beaten, by 9am he is on the cross.
 - The Savior, Redeemer, Deliverer, and Healer endures the cross. **Mark 15:25-39**
 - Some get permission to take Jesus body and put it in a tomb. Then all is quiet.
 - What was that Saturday like for Peter?
 - He failed and Jesus is dead. What now? How much did Peter question? Jesus? Himself?
 - Resurrection Sunday!!
 - I’m glad that isn’t the end of the story!!!! **John 20:1-12**
 - But Peter and John just go home!!! They don’t know what’s going on!!!!!!!
 - Jesus appears to Mary, then Jesus appears to 10 of the disciples. **John 20:18-21**
 - But, Peter, apparently, didn’t get to make it right with Jesus at that time.
 - They still didn’t know what to do with all of this, so they go back to work.
 - The Reinstatement of Peter. **John 21:1-19**
 - I can just imagine him standing there, all wet, waiting to make it right with Jesus.
 - “Follow me.” Another miraculous catch of fish for the fisherman. Another call to serve.
 - Then Pentecost. A festival 7 weeks later, Jesus uses Peter to build His church. **Acts 2:36-41**
 - There is a great miracle from God, Peter preaches to those he was afraid of only weeks before, and the New Testament Church is born with 3,000 new converts!!
 - The redemption of Peter is complete!! What an amazing character arc!!
 - The story of Peter is the story of the human condition.
 - Full of courage, fear, failure, victory, defeat, despair, and hope.
 - I’m not sure where you are in life, but I can tell you that God loves a good redemption story!
 - How do you access that? Same as they did 2,000 years ago. **Acts 2:38**
 - Let’s take hold of that and receive Holy Communion.
- **Send off:** prayer@goodhope.ag Thank you so much for tuning in today! Have a blessed day!