

iii. Finding significance in the folded cloth, Gen. 1:2.

7. Seeing, believing, and understanding, vs. 8-9.

a. What John saw and believed, vs. 8.

i. The "other" disciple, vs. 8a.

ii. Seeing and believing, vs. 8b, Mark 8:31.

b. What John did not understand, vs. 9.

i. The Scriptures MUST be fulfilled, Psa. 16:10, 110:1, 118:22-23, Isa. 53:12.

ii. Analyzing John's level of understanding, Matt. 16:4, John 2:19-22.

iii. Understanding the progression.

8. Returning to their homes, vs. 10.

III. Application

A. Reflections on the Resurrection.

1. The significance of the empty tomb.

2. The essential nature of the empty tomb.

a. The necessity for apologetics.

b. The supernatural necessity.

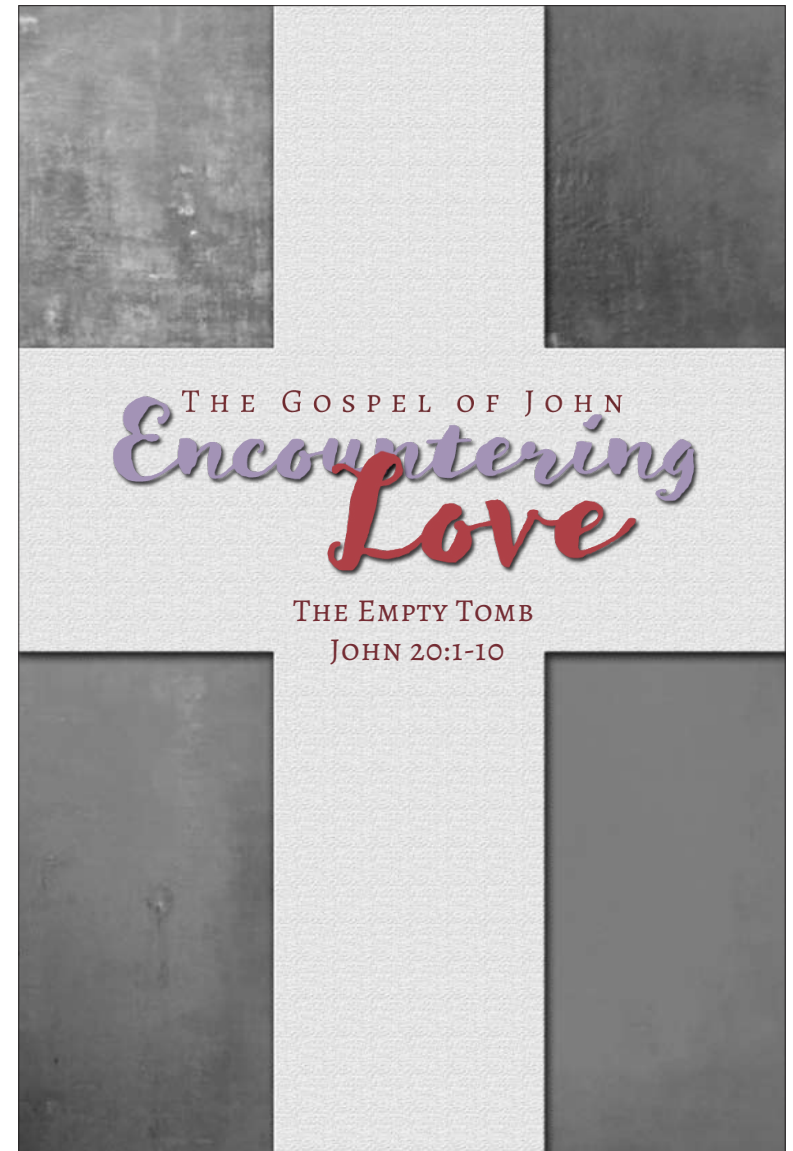
c. Necessary for Redemptive History.

d. Necessary for the human connection.

e. Essential for evangelism.

B. The progression of belief, Rom. 10:9.

IV. Conclusion



Traditional Worship Service

August 2, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

MOMENT IN THE WORD: Hos. 6:1-3

SINGING TOGETHER:

"I Desire Jesus"

"Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me"

"At the Cross"

RESPONSIVE READING: 1Cor. 15:12-20

PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: LORD'S DAY 7

DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-10

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "The Empty Tomb"

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands)

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"He Is Lord"

Rev. Kirby Williams
Worship Leader – Byron & Stacy Cox

"The Empty Tomb"

John 20:1-10

I. Introduction, Acts 1:22, 2:31-32, 3:15, 4:33, 7:56, 17:30-32.

II. Exposition of the text, John 20:1-10.

A. Context

B. The discovery of the empty tomb.

1. Reflections on the harmony of the Gospels.

2. Mary Magdalene at the tomb, vs. 1.

a. Establishing the timeline.

i. Establishing the day, John 19:42.

ii. Establishing the hour.

b. Re-introducing Mary Magdalene, Luke 8:2.

i. The other women at the tomb, Matt. 28:1,

Mark 16:1, Luke 24:19.

ii. Why does John focus on Mary Magdalene?

· John's tendency towards selective details.

· Mary as a symbol of the lost.

· The prize of the Good Shepherd, 1Cor. 1:27-29.

c. The positioning of the stone.

i. Visualizing the stone.

ii. Asking why the stone was removed.

· To make the tomb accessible, Mark 16:3.

· So we might believe.

3. Running to the disciples, vs. 2.

a. Finding Peter and John.

b. Analyzing Mary's report.

i. Identifying "they".

ii. Still "Lord" of her life.

iii. Noticing the "we".

4. Heading to the tomb, vs. 3-4.

a. "Going toward" the tomb, vs. 3, Luke 24:11.

b. Breaking into a run, vs. 4.

5. John's first look, vs 5.

6. Peter enters the tomb, vs. 6-7.

a. The impetuous disciple, vs. 6a.

b. The order in the tomb, vs. 6b-7.

i. The linen cloths, vs. 6b.

· Nothing mystical.

· The robe dipped in blood, Rev. 19:13.

· Ruling out grave robbers.

ii. The face cloth, vs. 7.

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Moment in the Word: Hos. 6:1-3

Hos. 6:1. Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

Hos. 6:2. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Hos. 6:3. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

Scripture Reading: 1Cor. 15:12-20

[Pastor:] Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? (1Cor. 15:12)

[Congregation:] But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. (1Cor. 15:13)

[Pastor:] And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. (1Cor. 15:14)

[Congregation:] We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. (1Cor. 15:15)

[Pastor:] For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. (1Cor. 15:16)

[Congregation:] And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. (1Cor. 15:17)

[Pastor:] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. (1Cor. 15:18)

[Congregation:] If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. (1Cor. 15:19)

[All:] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

(1Cor. 15:20)

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7

[Pastor:] Will all people then be saved through Christ just as they were lost through Adam?

[All:] No. Only those are saved who by true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his blessings.

[Pastor:] What is true faith?

[All:] It is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in the Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace, solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.

[Pastor:] What then must a Christian believe?

[All:] All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universally acknowledged Christian faith.

[Pastor:] What are these articles?

[All:] I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Worship Songs
August 2, 2020

O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise.

I Desire Jesus

I desire Jesus, Precious Lamb who ransomed me.
Upon the cross He took my sin, by His blood He has set me free.

I desire Jesus, Oh His name, my soul esteem.
For upon His thorn-scarred brow is the crown of victory.

He is worthy of all honor. All glory to His name.
He alone deserves our highest praise, and forever He will reign.

I desire Jesus, Triumphant one, the earth awaits.
For on that day the earth will shine with the glory of Your name.

You are worthy of all honor. All Glory to Your name.
You alone deserve our highest praise and forever You will reign.

You are all glorious. You are all glorious.
My heart leans in, my soul must sing, You are all glorious.

(Repeat 2 more times)

You are worthy of all honor. All Glory to Your name.
You alone deserve our highest praise and forever You will reign.

You are all glorious. You are all glorious.
My heart leans in, my soul must sing, You are all glorious. (Repeat)

I desire Jesus, Precious Lamb who ransomed me.
Unto You an offering, will my life forever be.

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer;
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken;
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing;
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon;
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus;
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me;
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

At the Cross

Alas! and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Refrain

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away.
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree! (Refrain)

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man, the creature's sin. (Refrain)

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While Calv'ry's cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes to tears. (Refrain)

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do. (Refrain)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Tell me the story of Jesus;
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels in chorus,
Sang as they welcomed His birth:
"Glory to God in the highest"
Peace and good tidings to earth"

Tell me the story of Jesus;
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,
Writhing in anguish and pain;
Tell of the grave where they laid Him.
Tell how he liveth again.
Love in that story so tender,
Clearer than ever I see.
Stay let me weep while you whisper,
Love paid the ransom for me.

Tell me the story of Jesus;
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Praise the Name of Jesus

Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress, He's my Deliverer,
In Him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.