

- d. The glorious rewards of belief.
 - i. Belief that brings rewards.
 - ii. The eschatological meaning of "life", John 3:15, 14:6.
 - iii. The immediate implications of "life", John 10:9–11.
 - iv. Life in the "name" of Jesus.

III. Application

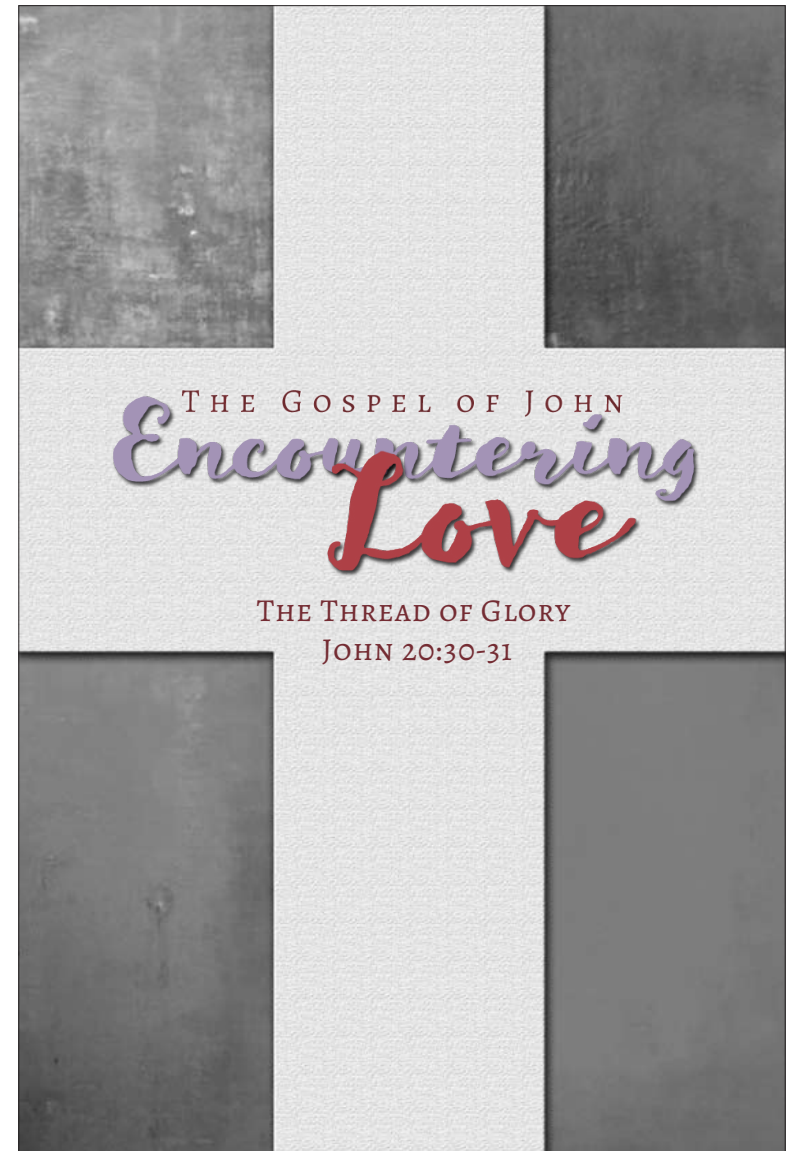
A. Defining the audience.

1. John's audience.
2. Today's audience.

B. John's "thread of glory".

1. Finding the thread's beginning, John 1:1–3, 12–13, 14, 34, 49.
2. Following the thread.
 - a. The great "I am", John 14:9, 11, 10:30, 6:48, 8:12, 10:9, 10:14, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1, 8:58.
 - b. The Second Person of a Triune God.
 - i. His relationship with the Father, John 5:25–27, 5:18, 10:27–30.
 - ii. His relationship with the Spirit, John 14:16, 26, 15:26, 16:7.
 - c. The Savior of the world, John 3:16, 17, 1:29, 3:14, 15, 10:11, 17, 12:28, 17:1–5.
3. Warnings for unbelief, John 3:18, 36, 12:46–49.

IV. Conclusion, John 1:1, 20:28, 1:12–13, 20:31.



Traditional Worship Service

August 30, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Beautiful Savior"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

MOMENT IN THE WORD: 1Pet. 1:6-9

SINGING TOGETHER:

"Christ, Be All Around Me"

"To God Be the Glory"

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

RESPONSIVE READING: Isa. 40:1-11

PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: LORD'S DAY 11

DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Til the Storm Passes By"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:30-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "The Thread of Glory"

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands)

"The Steadfast of the Lord"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Rev. Kirby Williams
Worship Leader - Byron & Stacy Cox

"The Thread of Glory"

John 20:30-31

I. Introduction, Heb. 13:17.

II. Exposition of the text, John 20:30-31.

A. Context

B. Revisiting Thomas' confession, John 20:28-29.

1. The confession, John 20:28.

a. Unmistakable words.

b. Revealing words.

i. The "Christ-man".

ii. The "Christ-God";

2. The transition, John 20:29.

a. Faith through hearing, Rom. 10:17.

b. The road to blessing, 1Pet. 1:8-9.

C. Revealing the purpose of John's Gospel.

1. Overview

2. The significance of signs, vs. 30.

a. Getting the conjunction right.

b. Discussing "signs".

c. The "other" signs.

d. Eye witnesses.

e. A sufficient revelation, John 21:25.

3. The glorious purpose, vs. 31.

a. The signs revealing the divinity of Christ.

i. Changing water into wine, John 2:1-11.

ii. Healing a nobleman's son, John 4:46-54.

iii. Healing an invalid at Bethsaida, John 5:1-15.

iv. Feeding the five thousand, John 6:1-14.

v. Walking on water and calming the sea,
John 6:16-21.

vi. Healing a blind man, John 9:1-41.

vii. Raising Lazarus, John 11:1-44.

viii. The Resurrection, John 20:1-29.

b. The centrality and desired result of belief.

i. The heart of an evangelist, John 6:44, 17:6, 20:29.

ii. The heart of a pastor, Rom. 8:37, John 10:10.

c. Christ, the Objective of belief.

i. The Christ, Isa. 42:1-4, Jer. 32:29-40.

ii. The Son of God.

Worship Songs
10:00 a.m. Service
August 30, 2020

Moment in the Word: 1Pet. 1:6–9

1Pet. 1:6. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

1Pet. 1:7. so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1Pet. 1:8. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

1Pet. 1:9. obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Scripture Reading: Isa. 40:1–11

[Pastor:] Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. (Is. 40:1)

[Congregation:] Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. (Is. 40:2)

[Pastor:] A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Is. 40:3)

[[Congregation:] Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. (Is. 40:4)

[Pastor:] And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Is. 40:5)

[Congregation:] A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. (Is. 40:6)

[Pastor:] The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. (Is. 40:7)

[Congregation:] The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. (Is. 40:8)

[Pastor:] Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" (Is. 40:9)

[Congregation:] Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. (Is. 40:10)

[All:] He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Is. 40:11)

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 11

[Pastor:] Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning Savior?

[All:] Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in any other.

[Pastor:] Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only Savior Jesus?

[All:] No. Although they boast of being his, by their deeds they deny the only Savior and Redeemer Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect Savior, or those who in true faith accept this Savior have in him all they need for their salvation.

Beautiful Savior

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights.
For in my helplessness, You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history;
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign over all.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing of the blood that never fails.
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history;
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshipers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history;
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history;

You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And You reign, You reign over all.

Christ, Be All Around Me

As I rise, strength of God –
go before, lift me up.
As I wake, eyes of God –
look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God –
satisfy and sustain.
As I hear, voice of God –
lead me on, be my guide.
Be my guide!

Above and below me,
before and behind me,
in every eye that sees me,
Christ, be all around me.

(repeat)

As I go, hand of God –
my defense, by my side.
As I rest, breath of God –
fall upon, bring me peace.
Bring me peace!

Above and below me,
before and behind me,
in every eye that sees me,
Christ, be all around me.

(repeat)

Oh oh, oh oh,
Christ, be all around me.
Oh oh, oh oh,
Christ, be all around me.

Your life, your death –
your blood was shed
for every moment.
Every moment!

(repeat 3 more times)

Above and below me,
before and behind me,
in every eye that sees me,
Christ, be all around me. (repeat)

Oh oh, oh oh,
Christ, be all around me.
Oh oh, oh oh,
Christ, be all around me.

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory- great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory- great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood-
To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things He hath taught us; great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus, the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

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.

'Til the Storm Passes By

In the dark of the midnight,
Have I oft hid my face,
While the storm howls above me,
And there's no hiding place.
'Mid the crash of the thunder,
Precious Lord, hear my cry,
'Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.'

Refrain

'Til the storm passes over,
'Til the thunder sounds no more,
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,
Hold me fast, let me stand
In the hollow of Thy hand;
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times Satan whispered,
"There is no need to try,
For there's no end of sorrow;
There's no hope by and by."
But I know Thou art with me,
And tomorrow I'll rise
Where the storm never darkens the sky.
(Refrain)

When the long night has ended,
And the storms come no more,
Let me stand in Thy presence
On that bright, peaceful shore.
In that land where the tempest
Never comes, Lord, may I
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.
(Refrain)

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases, His mercies never
come to an end.
They are new every morning; new every morning;
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness.

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
Bless His holy name.