

SERMON OUTLINE

As a kid, I wondered: Why exactly are we supposed to be happy at Easter?

What Easter means, in three dimensions:

- *Law*. The legal dimension: Jesus was wrongly condemned and is now vindicated
- *Leader*. The political dimension: Jesus is crowned the King forever! Hail the Messiah, Son of David!
- *Life*. The biological dimension: Jesus is the first human to possess an indestructible life, living forever!

And a 4th dimension today: *Love*. The relational dimension

Our Easter passage today is John 20:1-18

20:1: We know there were other women with Mary Magdalene, but John zeroes in on Mary. This allows the Gospel of John to be more personal, more relational.

Excursus: Who was Mary Magdalene?

- What we *don't* know about her
- What we *do* know about her
 - ◇ Jesus ministered to her (Luke 8:2-3), and she ministered to Jesus (Luke 8:2-3; Mark 15:40-41)

20:2: The one whom Jesus loved

20:3-7: The linen cloths and their importance

20:8-10: Which Scripture? Many

20:15: Personal talk from Jesus

20:16: From "Woman" to "Mary." Jesus gets even more personal!

20:17: Relationships extend to heaven, to God

- The Trinity: God is *hyper-* or *super-*relational

The Resurrection: The eternal meaning of persons and personal relationships

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. What is the meaning of Easter legally, politically, and biologically? (Review)
2. Seek to understand Mary's experience verse by verse in our passage (John 20:1-18).
3. How does the Resurrection of Christ confirm and seal the importance of persons and relationships? And love?
4. Mary Magdalene is last mentioned in the Bible in our final verse, John 20:18. How are her words in this verse a fitting end to her story?



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**To Know Christ
and to Make Him Known**

Sunday, April 4, 2021
10:45am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Easter Song* Worship Team, Sarah Morris, Leader
His Heart Beats

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nicholas Black, Director of Shepherding

CALL TO WORSHIP Acts 2:22-24, 36 Nicholas Black

SONGS *Christ Arose (Low in the Grave)*
Happy Day
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH Darryl Rearson, Elder

SERMON Jesus and Mary Magdalene Mark Moser, Pastor
John 20:1-18

RESPONSE *Resurrection Hymn (See What a Morning)*
Crown Him With Many Crowns
In Christ Alone
Lion of Judah

BENEDICTION

*"I am the Living One.
I was dead, but behold,
I am alive for ever and ever!"*
~ Revelation 1:18

GET IN TOUCH!

Church Office: 215-576-0892 (leave a message)

Deacon Coordinator: 267-528-8637

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Count It All Joy! - April 30—May 2 at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference

This past year has taken us through a roller coaster of emotions and experiences that have left us asking all kinds of questions. What is going on in the world, in my life? Is there a reason for it all? And where is God in the midst of this? If questions like these have left you feeling discouraged, despondent, defeated, or fearful, you are not alone! Come with us as New Life's own Brianna Simon and Kathy Wilson help us explore what James meant when he said "Count it all joy, sisters, when you meet trials of various kinds...." God has good things in store for us as we "look into the perfect law that gives us freedom" AND JOY! **Register by next Sunday, April 11.** For more info, pick up a brochure at the exits today. Register on paper or online at newlifeglenside.com (in the "Connect" menu). Contact Elizabeth Hillig with questions.

NEW ADULT ED CLASS - "TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Sundays, April 11 and 18, 9am on Zoom

The mission statement of New Life is "to know Christ and to make Him known." If you've found yourself wondering what it looks like to make Christ known or you want a renewed sense of motivation, come to this short class. We'll be looking at 5 principles for living a missional life from a short book called *Surprise the World: The Five Habits of Highly Missional People* by Michael Frost. You do not need the book to attend the class, but it is available on Amazon for \$7.99, or you can borrow it electronically through Hoopla if you have a local public library card. Questions? Contact Nancy Bower at nbower@newlifeglenside.com.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 11, we will celebrate communion as a family during our 10:45am worship service. Drive-through communion for those attending the service online will be offered from 12:15-12:45pm. (Pull up to the left of the triple doors and an elder will serve you.)

ALL-CHURCH PRAYER—Sunday, April 11, 7pm

Join us as we pray for our church, community, and world. We will meet outdoors in the church parking lot by the triple doors (weather permitting) or in the Fellowship Hall (if it's raining).

NEW LIFE NURSERY SCHOOL CLOTHING SWAP—Sat., April 17, 9am-Noon

Bring any children's, women's, and maternity clothes, and toys (in good condition) plus a \$10 donation to NLNS and **take as many items as you would like.** Tell your friends. Everyone is welcome. Location: church parking lot (Fellowship Hall if it rains). Questions? Contact newlifenurseryschool@gmail.com.

NEW LIFE'S SPRING CLASSES FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Creative Expressions Class

8 Weeks: April 13—June 1, Tuesdays from 5-6pm

For ages 5-9; Cost: \$120

An exciting class for young creators inspired by children's literature, exploring vibrant storytelling through drama, art, movement and imagination. Students will get the chance to showcase their work at the end of the session.

Spring Theater Arts Class

8 Weeks: April 13—June 1, Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm

For grades 5-12; Cost: \$150 (first class is a free workshop)

Each week, students explore scenes and develop characters through fun games and exercises that join together team-building and engage the fundamentals of drama. They will gain self-assurance in their acting as well as a self-confidence that they can keep for a lifetime. A final performance will take place at the end of the session.

Masks required and social distancing observed at both classes.

For more info., contact instructor Brianna Marsh.

Register at scatteredseedscreativearts.com.

CHURCH PICNIC

Save the Date! Sunday, April 25, 1-5pm

Join us at Fort Washington State Park, Flourtown Pavilion. We'll provide burgers and dogs; bring your own sides. Games, hiking, friends, fresh air, sunshine, FUN! Bring your own kite. Don't miss it! Want to help? Do you have other ideas for outdoor spring activities? Contact Nancy Bower at nbower@newlifeglenside.com.

HELP NEEDED

KIDS LIFE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KidsLife is coming back in-person every Sunday beginning May 9 during our 10:45am service. Teachers, Classroom Helpers, Nursery Coordinators, and Hall Coordinators are needed. CAN YOU HELP? We would love to have you join our team! Contact Amy Lewis at alewis@newlifeglenside.com for more info.

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