

**READ: *Mark 16:1-7, Romans 3:23-25, Colossians 3:14-15, Matthew 26, John 21:1-25, 1 Corinthians 15:14***

**OPEN:**

- How was your Holy Week? How was your Easter? Share some takeaways. What are some of your Easter traditions from when you were growing up or currently have now?
- Have you ever had something restored? What was it?
- Discuss this quote: “Christmas is God with us. Easter is God for us.”

**BIG IDEA:**

**The Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus provides us with:**

- The sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross Redeems our lives.
- The Resurrection is an invitation for Jesus to Restore our lives.

**READ: *Mark 16: 1-7, NLT (The Resurrection)***

**DIG:**

- Mark 16:5 describes the tomb where Jesus was, and as the women entered, they were shocked that Jesus was not there. What is the significance of this moment? Discuss the power of the Resurrection moment in the first century and in 2024.
- Mark 16:6, we read about the Angel’s declaration that “Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified...isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid His body.” Talk about this moment and how Jesus’s resurrection not only brings victory over sin and death but also restoration.
- Mark 16:7 tells us that the angel instructed the women to go and tell the disciples, “Including Peter,” that Jesus had risen and was going to meet them in Galilee. Why is Peter singled out in this passage? (Teacher’s Note: Peter is in deep mourning for his betrayal of Jesus.)
- Read Colossians 3:13-14. What does it mean to be a Resurrection people?

**READ: *John 21:1-25 (Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples, Jesus & Peter, Jesus & the Beloved Disciple)***

- In Matthew 26:69-75 we read about Peter denying Jesus three times. In John 21, we read about how the post-resurrection account of Jesus appears to the disciples, including Peter. What was Peter doing? What is the significance of Peter returning to what he did before following Jesus?
- Jesus appears to Peter and has breakfast with him along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. At this time, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him and says feed my sheep. Why does Jesus do this?

- What is the biblical meaning of 'LOVE' that Jesus uses with Peter? (Teacher's Note: Agape, Christ-like love that is selfless and sacrificial.)
- Why did Jesus restore Peter? Why did Jesus make the effort to restore Peter's identity and purpose?

### **REFLECT & PRAY:**

- Where is your faith? Are you ready to receive redemption and restoration in your relationship with the resurrected Jesus? Ask Jesus to restore your identity and purpose.

### **VISION OPPORTUNITIES**

- APRIL 21 - ORDINATION OF ELDER DOUG SHEERER, AND SETTING IN PASTOR BEN KENDREW AS THE BH CAMPUS PASTOR
- APRIL 28 - WATER BAPTISMS