

# 2ND TIME AROUND

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## Sermon Notes

### **Easter is the Season of Firsts THAT'S BETTER THE SECOND TIME AROUND**

*Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23*

#### **I. John 20:1-10**

**...Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb..<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in...**

### **Easter is a time to take a Second LOOK AT YOUR FAITH**

*Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2-3*

#### **II. John 20:11-18**

**<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying.... <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.**

## **Easter is a time to take a Second TO RETHINK WHO JESUS IS AND HIS PLACE IN MY LIFE**

*I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,<sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:10-14*

### **III. John 20:19-29**

**<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together... Jesus came and stood among them...<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven...<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas...one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came...<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them...<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”...**

## **Easter is a time to take a Second CHANCE ON FORGIVENESS**

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us...<sup>13b</sup> When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,<sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:7-14*

### **IV. John 20:30-31**

**<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

## **Easter is a time to take a Second TO BE REBORN**

*Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”<sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. John 3:3-5*