**PASSION- Symbols of Salvation**

Message #5 “The Power of the Scars”

Scripture: John 20:24-31

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**THE POWER OF THE SCARS**

**#1. THEY ARE A SYMBOL OF HIS HUMANITY.** (vs. 25) What He became for you.

*“But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it.’"*

**A. It was important that Jesus’ death was real.**

*Heb. 2:9 “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.”*

*Heb. 2:14 “Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death-that is, the devil…”*

*Heb. 2:17-18 “For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because He himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.”*

**B. It was important that Jesus’ resurrection was real.**

*I John 1:1-2 “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.”*

*Rom. 1:1-4 “Dear friends in Rome: This letter is from Paul, Jesus Christ's slave, chosen to be a missionary, and sent out to preach God's Good News. 2 This Good News was promised long ago by God's prophets in the Old Testament. 3 It is the Good News about His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came as a human baby, born into King David's royal family line; 4 and by being raised from the dead He was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God himself.” TLB*

**Lesson:** Jesus’ humanity speaks that He IDENTIFIES with you, and He is able to HELP YOU.

**#2. THEY ARE A SYMBOL OF HIS HUMILITY**. (vs. 27) What He gave up for you.

*“Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’"*

*John 17:5 “And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”*

**Lesson:** Jesus’ humility speaks that He loves you, HE’D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.

**#3. THEY ARE A SYMBOL OF HIS HEALING.** (vs. 31) What is available for you.

*“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”*

*“Some scars may never completely fade,*

*but neither do they need to continue to bring pain.”*

**Lesson**: Jesus’ healing speaks that the healing of Christ is AVAILABLE FOR YOU AS WELL.