Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter - WAIT

John 2: 1 -11 Water into Wine

John 4: 43 – 54 Healing the nobleman's son

> John 5: 1 – 14 Healing the Paralytic

John 6: 1 – 15 Feeding the 5000

John 9: 1 – 40 Healing the man born blind

John 11: 1 – 43
Raising Lazarus from the dead

Matthew 6: 33 (ESV)

...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

John 11: 21 – 26 (NLT)

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

When you're in the "Wait"... Do you believe?

Faith in the midst of doubt

The disciples struggled when they were in the "Wait."

John 20 (NLT)

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came.

²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

- ²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said.
- ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

John 11: 25 -27 (NLT)

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."