

Series: Holy Week 2024

Sermon: Easter 2024 – My Redeemer Lives

Scripture: John 1:1-5

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John 1:1-5 (ESV)

¹ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

² *He was in the beginning with God.*

³ *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

⁴ *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

⁵ *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Creation: *Let there be light...* Genesis 1:3

Main thought: **Light dawns** (literally and figuratively). All is flourishing. All is right.

- Right relationship with God.
- Right relationship with self.
- Right relationship with others.
- Right relationship with creation.

Fall: Mankind falls into darkness. Genesis 3

Main thought: **Light fades**. Everything is broken. Not all is flourishing. Not all is right.

- Broken relationship with God.
- Broken relationship with self.
- Broken relationship with others.
- Broken relationship with creation.

Redemption: The light and life of Christ pierces through the darkness.

Main thought: **Light shines**. Brokenness is being restored. All is still not flourishing and all is still not right ... but there is hope and there is a restoring work being done.

- Restored relationship with God.
- Restored relationship with self.
- Restored relationship with others.
- Restored relationship with creation.

John 1:4-5 (ESV)

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Matthew 4:16 quoting Isaiah 9:2 (ESV)

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.

John 8:12 (ESV)

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:13-14 (ESV)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Completion: All is made new.

Main thought: **Light prevails.** All is flourishing. All is right.

- Perfectly right relationship with God.
- Perfectly right relationship with self.
- Perfectly right relationship with others.
- Perfectly right relationship with creation.

Revelation 22:3-5 (ESV)

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.