

Kailua Christian Church UCC  
Our Hope In Christ' Cross  
**Easter Sunday**  
April 17, 2022

**Resurrection**  
***Why Jesus Came Back***  
***John 20:19-29***

*“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.”<sup>22</sup> When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*

*<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in His side, I will not believe.”*

*<sup>26</sup> A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”*

**Jesus came back to...**

**I. Find me.**

*“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” John 20:19*

➤ ***I will welcome Jesus to meet me today where I feel most alone?***

## **II. Free me.**

*“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”<sup>22</sup> When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:21-22*

➤ ***I will welcome Jesus to give me His strength to live for God***

## **III. Focus me on freeing others.**

*“When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” John 20:22-23*

➤ ***I will welcome Jesus’ forgiveness so I can give forgiveness more freely to others.***

## **IV. Form my faith more deeply.**

*“Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” John 20:28-29*

➤ ***I will welcome Jesus’ faithfulness so I can trust Him in each day more courageously.***