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THE FULL EXTENT OF HIS LOVE

John 13:1

Contrast Easter and Christmas....

No account of the actual resurrection. Just the appearances to His disciples afterward. And generally they do not even recognize Him at first.

Connect these narratives to one verse before His death:

John 13:1:

He “loved them to the uttermost”
(cf. I Thess 2:16)

In events of that evening, the next day—and also after His resurrection.

And in each case the emphasis is not to impress them with His triumph, or to rebuke them for their unbelief or abandonment, but to comfort them in their need.

To love them to the uttermost as their crucified and risen Savior!

Five examples, four of them from John 20-21:

I. MARY MAGDALENE: Meets her in her

John 20:1-18

II. TWO ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: Meets them in their _____

Luke 24:13-35

III. TEN DISCIPLES SUN EVE: Meets them in their _____
John 20:19-23

IV. THOMAS: Meets him in his _____
John 20:24-31

V. PETER: Meets him in his _____
John 21:1-19

How do you need Jesus to meet you this Easter morn?

Your grief? Your despair? Your fears? Your doubts? Your guilt?

The Risen Christ meets us uniquely in the ways we need Him.

Different for all. Sufficient for all.

As crucified and risen Savior.

Come to Him now.

Get to know Him better by reading all of John's Gospel. And join the Opening Doors to John's Gospel and the Person of Jesus discussion the next 4 Sundays at 10am in Pastor Harris' office next door.

Come to Him now.