

Resurrection of Christ (Jn. 20:1-10)

We are the church that holds onto the covenant to save America, Latin America, the remnants, and the people of all nations. That is your commission and that is your life. We play a pivotal role to save America, Latin America, and we are praying for the churches to save America. Through our Latin America missions God has attached us to very important disciples. Pastor Joseas was able to give me a report of what he wants to do in the upcoming mission trips. He planned to stay in El Salvador for a week and then he will go to the next region which is Honduras for a couple days. He will go to Nicaragua as well as Costa Rica. After his mission trip in Costa Rica he will go to Guatemala for a week. I do believe that it will take him at least a month. He did plan to go to Cuba because there was a request from a church for him to come. In the last couple years an airflight to Cuba was about \$500 but they have increased the prices to \$1500. So he is planning to go in the month of April or May. I told Pastor Joseas to take along another pastor with him. In Guatemala there is a pastor named Mario. He is a person who received the gospel from a different organization. Prior to hearing the accurate gospel there were at least a thousand congregation members but after he came to hear of the gospel and the gospel movement took place it has decreased to at least 200 believers. However, he has set his mind that I will be a pastor for the sake of the evangelism movement. He was connected through the pastor named Hesler. So I requested Pastor Joseas to take along Pastor Mario with him. Pastor Mario said that I cannot go due to certain reasons within the church. So I told Pastor Hesler to take another pastor along with him. Pastor Joseas requested of taking along Pastor Martin with him. He lives in Mexico right now and it takes at least four hours from where Pastor Joseas resides. Pastor Martin at the time was residing in Mexico and he is the one that requested Pastor Joseas to go to a different region. Pastor Martin was able to hear the gospel from a different organization as well. Two to three weeks ago he was able to go to different regions and stay there for two to three days and share the gospel. However, for this pastor alone he knew the way of salvation but yet he was not able to apply it nor was he able to fully comprehend it. So Pastor Joseas was able to explain the way of salvation through the bible. Pastor Martin gladly accepted it and requested for them to teach this way of salvation to the church members as well. Pastor Joseas told me that after I met Pastor Martin I wanted to go hand in hand with him to the very ends for the sake of saving Latin America. So after I heard that I told him why don't you take Pastor Martin with you. The reason why I am forcing him to take Pastor Martin along with him is so that Pastor Martin's spiritual eyes will be open to see the field. Apostle Paul's evangelism journey was always connected with the disciples that he sent out or he allowed them to stay with him. It is Apostle Paul in which he knew the importance of the disciples for the sake of the evangelism movement. All the disciples stakes their life and devoted themselves for the sake of the gospel to the extent that they were martyred. Of course he had a couple disciples around him but yet it was not fully the systematic evangelism. After listening to the representative elder's prayer I came to think to myself it is the time schedule for our church now. We have been continuously emphasizing the importance of team ministry evangelism. We've been utilizing the word term systematic evangelism for many years. The original plan was that I was planning to send Pastor Ricardo and Pastor Joseas out to the field. Pastor Ricardo shared with me that Pastor Joseas is taking care of Latin America through the disciples that God has attached

to him so I have a bigger heart to save Latin America. I thought to myself maybe it might be God's time schedule now. I shared with you before when I had a phone call with Pastor Joseas and Pastor Ricardo I suggested for them to be used as missionaries and they agreed to do so. I was able to once again confirm that it was true. So when Pastor Ricardo agrees to do so he will be sent to Arizona Immanuel Church which has been connected to a hispanci church and they will be able to receive training for two nights and three days. Also we have been connected to a Presbyterian church in Torrance. Also Pastor Matsuda said that there has been another church that has been connected to him. We will have Pastor Matsuda and Pastor Ricardo go hand in hand wherever the church doors are open we will go and connect them along with the remnants. We are in the state where we just simply want to do it all on our own yet, God is permitting the time schedule to which he is opening the doors for us. For anyone that has this will and heart may you pray for it. We have changed the format of the camp and I do believe that it has been sent out that now it will focus on the regional church camp. I have continuously emphasized the importance that the remnants as well as the young adults must fully participate in this regional church camp. We must be able to change the nature of the church centered on evangelism and the church camp. We must lose hold of the content. The content that you must always hold onto within the church camp is team ministry evangelism. It is the Gospel movement that is focused on raising the disciples. For the evangelists, your spiritual eyes must be opened to this. Then God will allow you to live this life. For the sake of this, you must hold out the covenant to save the Americas, Latin America, the Remnants, and people of all nations. This year, we desire to focus on the covenant of saving the Remnants, the church officers, and establishing the regional churches. For the sake of this coevnena that we hold onto through the church, we desire to actualize it through my 24 hours, Church 24 hours, and Field 24 hours. If someone asks you what your church focuses on, you must be able to say that you have been called to save the Americas, Latin America, the Remnants, and people of all nations. It is our faith that there is no such thing as coincidence in this world. All things that take place on earth is God's absolute plan. It is all unchanging, no one can ever change for if they do, it is all in God's pan. It was given in the scripture given last week, Psalms 139:2-4. "You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether." It is truly amazing. All of this evidence is recorded in the Bible. God was already there before Moses was on Mount Horeb. God witnessed Abraham who almost sacrificed his own son, in which he called out to him to stop him. When the high priests were carrying the ark of the covenant across the Jordan River, the moment they stepped into the river, it became dry land. God knows all things in real time. There is no other explanation needed because he even knows the number of your hair. It is a joke, since he even knows the number of hairs that have fallen out today morning. If He is truly your God, then there is something you must do for your entire life. You must be able to edit the things of God to yourself. You must be able to edit and imprint the things of God to your life. For Moses himself, his entire life was edited with the things of God the moment he received the word on Mount Horeb. That word became imprinted in him to which he lived his life according to God's Word. God commanded Abraham to go to the land that He will show him. The Lord met Apostle Paul and said, "You are a Gentile." He said that he is the chosen

instrument that will share the gospel to the kings and Jews. It is the same. This must take place for you. Of course, you do countless important works. But yet what is more important is that you must be able to edit the things of God in your life. You must be able to live God's life. You must be able to be a person of God. You must be able to confirm this once again. This is the answer to your life and God gave commission to you. God's ultimate goal is to testify the gospel and save many people. That is why I want to say that this is the truth and there is nothing that you should be concerned about.

1. Resurrection of Christ

This is today's scripture. Verse 7 states, "and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself." If you are able to remove the face cloth from someone that was dead, it would have to be rolled off, but the face cloth of Jesus was folded up. It states in Verse 8, "Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed." But yet how is it possible for the linen itself to be folded and placed by itself? That is why it is a work of God, it is a miracle. The resurrection of Christ was predestined and is a rightful thing. He is God Himself so he should have never faced death. He died on purpose and for the sake of that, he fulfilled it. He was a person that should never face death, but he died on purpose. He died on your behalf. That is why his resurrection and death is important to all mankind. If there is no resurrection of Christ, then there is no hope for humanity. In the end, everyone is going to face their death, so what is the point in having hope for that? What is the purpose in waiting for the death that they will face in Hell even if that means it is in 100 or 200 years? Yet, it is Christ who has resurrected. It is the evidence that he himself has resolved the problem of sin and he is God. And this is the message that reveals that he is the covenant of the cross who has resurrected and freed from all of our sin. If you carefully think about it, the problem that most people face is their own death. I had once feared my death to the point in which I went to church. That is the thought that I had. I continuously over thought of death, the purpose to be born or to live. I thought to myself, even though I faced difficulties or worries, it would be better than to face my own death. And regardless of whether I was anxious or not, as long as I didn't face my own death, I was satisfied with that. And to be honest, when you're young, you don't think about your death. However, when you reach 50, you start praying for your health. Yet, that is such a foolish thing to do. You don't even think about illnesses when you're in your fifties. But when you grow older, it changes. That is normal. It is normal to think about death, be scared of it, and draw nearer to God. And that is why Jesus has given the answer, and that is His resurrection. The Lord says, "Look at me, and believe in me." The Lord says that there is an answer for you to come out of sin and death. That is why He proved as evidence that He has resurrected. We are truly thankful for that. That is why, to us mankind, the most important word is the resurrection and death of Jesus Christ. He has resurrected, and He is alive and with us now. If He simply died and did not resurrect, we would have no hope. That is why, when you hold onto Jesus Christ who has resurrected as the covenant, then God will be at work. And when you pray, He will answer you. This can be because He has resurrected and is living with you even now. And of course, when you are not spiritually awake, you will never know the works of Satan attacking you. But after you come to know of the Gospel, your spiritual eyes are open to see the works of Satan. Then, Satan will attack even

more. But when you pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Satan will be completely bound. It is because He has resurrected and is with you. And it is the resurrection message that you must hold onto this covenant as you live your life. So, may you no longer question, "Why is my life like this?" May you hold onto the firm covenant and live your life inside of Christ. That is why the resurrection of Christ is very important to you. It is Christ who is alive and with you even now. It is a truly important covenant. And those who believe in this and pray will see the works of God take place. All things will be overturned when you are inside of Christ and believe in Him. That is why there are many churches that emphasize the importance of the resurrection of Christ. We are a church that emphasizes the Gospel for the sake of testifying the Gospel. Of course, the covenant is the result of the resurrection of Christ. Many people do not believe in this, and this is why they emphasize the living Christ. And there are many testimonies proclaimed at those churches. Many believers of those churches have the conviction that Jesus Christ is alive and with them. So, may you hold onto that as your covenant as well. That is why we hold onto and testify of the Gospel of Christ who has died and resurrected, and that is our covenant that we testify to many. And Christ who has resurrected is also very important. Our covenant that we hold onto is the bloodshed of Jesus Christ on the cross. This is where the promise of the resurrection of Christ is contained. When you hold onto this covenant, you will be able to stand as a witness. This is the resurrection of your own life. And in the past, you couldn't be spiritually victorious, you weren't able to receive answers, or enjoy. In John 19:30, Jesus states, "It is finished." What did He finish? He finished the covenant. That is why when you are inside of this covenant, you will be saved. You will be set free from all curses. All has been finished in Christ. When you have faith in this, you will gain spiritual power and authority. You will have the spiritual authority that will bind the work of Satan. He revealed that He is the answer that has completely bound the work of Satan. It is the resurrection of Christ to which He was able to show that He is the covenant that has fulfilled everything on the cross. That is the answer. That is why the resurrection of Christ has completely explained the covenant. There would be a need for more explanation of the covenant if He had not resurrected. After He resurrected, He spoke about His resurrection for forty days to His disciples. What do you think they felt at the time? They would have felt that the covenant of the cross is complete and perfect, that it's true. And last but not least, Christ ascended to heaven as all the disciples witnessed that. He ascended to heaven to show that He is the Christ. He completely explained the covenant that He has fulfilled as He ascended. This is the covenant that you possess. You must realistically feel that. Then, if this is the covenant, what must you do? You must have faith in it. If you don't believe in it, it cannot become yours. You must have the faith that by His death and bloodshed, He has set you free from curses. Then, you will be resurrected. Your life will be revived. That is the resurrection of Christ. And your prayer will be revived. Your thoughts and prayer will be resurrected in Christ. You must have faith that He is the one who bound all the work of Satan, that He has resurrected, and that you have been resurrected in Him. That is being revealed in your life even now. You must have faith in this truth. If you lack the faith, you must pray to God, "I know this is true, but I lack the faith. Give me the faith." You must hold onto the covenant, enjoy it, and confess it. Your spiritual eyes must be open to this. It must be open to see the spiritual truth. This must become your answer. May the blessing to which you uncover this be upon you. The second point we

will look at is "What He Did After His Resurrection."

2. What He Did After His Resurrection

The work that He has done after His resurrection is very important to us. This is something you must always keep in mind. He continuously showed evidence that he had resurrected and was able to comfort his disciples. The very first woman to see Jesus was Magdalene Mary. In Luke 8:2, it says that it was Mary who was seized by seven demons. He was the very first woman that he met. Imagine having seven demons inside of you. Her life was a complete mess. She completely lost her mind. The moment she met Jesus, she was completely healed. In the latter half of these scriptures, there is much evidence that Jesus approached his disciples. When the door was shut, he appeared to them and said, "Peace be upon you." John 20:27 speaks about Thomas. Thomas doubted Jesus because he was never there to witness it in the first place. He said that unless he placed his fingers on the Lord, he would never believe. The Lord placed his finger and his hands where his hands were nailed on the cross and said to believe in him. To summarize all that he has done, Acts 1:3 was written. "He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." He presented himself alive to the disciples and promised and commanded them. The representative of this is the resurrection message. Along with a promise, he commanded them. We all know Matthew 20:16-20, "Go and make disciples of all nations." To do world evangelism and save the 237 nations. He promised to be with us to the end of this age with all authority on heaven and earth. In Mark 16:15-20, "Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation... They will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." Verse 20, "And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs." The conclusion of the book of Luke is the conclusion written in Acts 1:8. We all know it very well, "You must be my witness until the ends of the Earth." We will receive power when the holy spirit comes upon us so we must wait. You will not be a witness to anyone else except Christ. John 21:15-20, "Go and feed my lamb." He spoke about it three times and said it would be used for the sake of saving your posterity. This is your commission and the answer to your life. We summarize it as we hold onto the covenant, 237, healing, and summit. For all believers, this is the commission you must hold onto. This is not only your commission, this is the answer to your life. This is the promise God made, for those who are running a business centered on this, you will be blessed. Works are bound to take place because God is working behind those businesses. For the evangelists, you must do this, there is nothing else for you to do. For the church, there is nothing else for the church to do except this. As you work individually, it is all the same. You must live for this and if you do so, God will work upon you. As for you, remnants, why do you study? May you question and ask yourself, why do you study? Are you studying to live a better life? You may even have a different goal in mind as you study. In the worldly perspective that is not incorrect, but in God's perspective that is the incorrect path. This covenant must be your life goal and purpose. God will be at work. If you receive continuous answers, that is it for you. Your life will be finished. This is the answer. The resurrected Christ and the 4 resurrection messages must be your covenant. We must be edited with this and you must be a person of this covenant. This is what it means to be a person of God. For the sake of this, we receive much training. May this be the time for you to confirm and check

up on your life. Where am I heading towards as I live my life? What is the purpose of my life? May God's desire be the reason for your life. May God's blessing be upon you throughout this week. You must hold onto the covenant of the resurrection of Christ and head towards God's desire. This is the believer's life. Please do not wander elsewhere. This is the answer. Those who live holding onto this will be blessed by God. May God's great blessing be upon you. May great doors of evangelism open to save America and Latin America. May you be the ones to sincerely pray for that. May this amazing work take place throughout America through our disciples and remnants. This is merely the start. Satan will deceive and attack us, so we must not partake in a small part of evangelism. We must fight this battle against Satan. It may be a blood shedding battle against Satan. Regardless, fight against Satan with the covenant. This is the America and Latin America we hold onto as our covenant. Jesus Christ waited until he was nailed on the cross for this cause. Azazel's goat went to the wilderness. Ask yourself, what can I do? Is there a correlation between me and this covenant? For what reason am I running my business, working, and studying? If you are able to change your thoughts, God will be at work and will bless you.