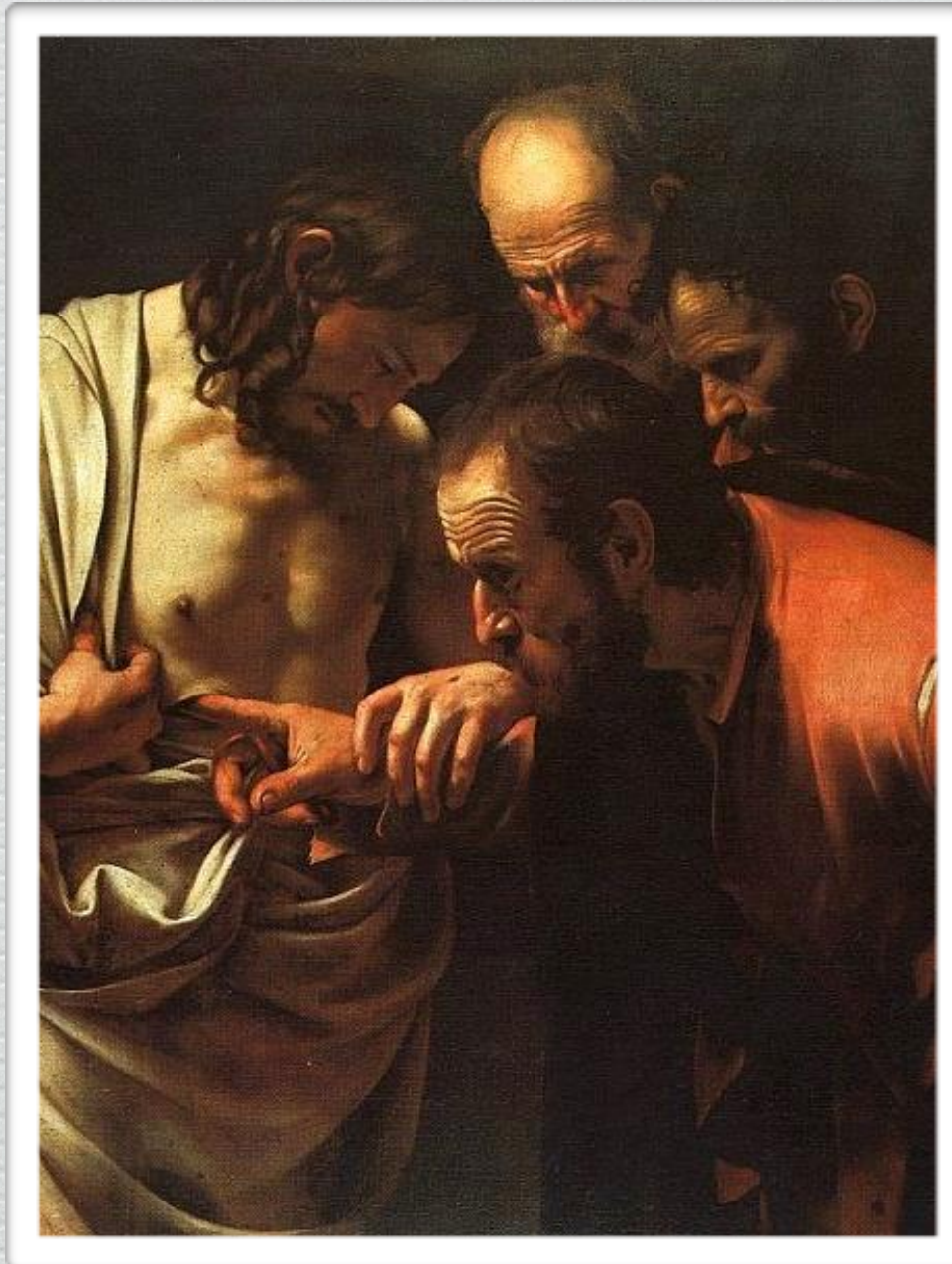




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A New Beginning

Today's Celebrations

- Resurrection
- Thomas Sunday
- The new Sunday
- His Resurrection was to give our nature a share in His resurrection
- How do I identify myself with the Resurrection?



1. The New Man

- “But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the **old man** which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you **put on the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”
(Eph. 4:20-24)
- It's a choice

1. The New Man

- “Therefore, **putting away lying**, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. “Be angry, and do not sin”: **do not let the sun go down on your wrath**, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him **labor**, working with his hands what is good, **that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word** proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And **be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another**, even as God in Christ forgave you.” (Eph. 4:25-32)

2. New Commandment

- “Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.” (1 Jn. 2:8)
- “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; **as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Jn. 13:34-35)
- “He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.” (1 Jn. 9-11)

3. New Doctrine

- “And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this **new doctrine** is of which you speak.” (Acts 17:19)
- “...for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but **now commands all men everywhere to repent**, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” (Acts 17:28-31)

4. New Song

- “Oh, sing to the Lord **a new song**! For He has done marvelous things. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.” (Ps. 98:1)
- “They sang as it were **a new song** before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty- four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who **follow the Lamb wherever He goes**. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And **in their mouth was found no deceit**, for they are without fault before the throne of God.” (Rev. 14:3-5)

5. New Mission

- “So Jesus said to them again, “ Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”** (Jn. 20:21-23)
- The Samaritan Woman

Summary

- The NEW resurrected life is our identity
 - This is how we should live: NEW
 - Man
 - Commandment
 - Doctrine
 - Song
 - Mission