

Sunday Sermon Notes: April 1, 2018

## A Victory any fool can see – John 20:1-8; 1 Cor 15:17-26

I. NOT seeing is believing. Through faith, I can see what ISN'T there - John 20:1-8

## Here's what I can see because of the work of Jesus:

- I can see the cross means my broken past is nullified. Rom 5:8-10
- I can see that Jesus knows what it means to hurt. Isaiah 53:4ff.
- I can see the empty tomb means death has lost its fearsome power. 1 Cor 15:54-57
- II. SEEING through new eyes. Through faith, I can see life as I never have before. 1 Cor 15:17-26

Whether you believe in Christ or not, there is no way around the empty tomb.

Paul begins with an awful thought – what if Christ has NOT been raised? His answer:

- We are still lost and broken, dead in our sins.
- · Those who have died are lost eternally.

## But Christ HAS been raised! And Christ's resurrection means at least this:

- Christ's resurrection assures me this life is not the end. If there is no resurrection, then Christ is a liar.
- Christ's rule and reign over all things is absolute including the final enemy death.
- Christ's resurrection grants me confidence to live with resolute certainty about my own future.