

## Broken Signposts: Beauty

Tony Thornton, Minister

May 2, 2021



***“Why would anyone choose to go on a Cruise for vacation?”***

**Beauty is another Broken Signpost in God's world.**

Signposts are ways in which God created this world but have been spoiled in the Fall. Despite the Fall, the echo still remains within us as humans.

### **1. Sin has placed a cloud of \_\_\_\_\_ on every aspect of God's good world.**

“The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,’<sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘**You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.**’”

Genesis 3:2-3

### **2. God initiates the wilderness \_\_\_\_\_ as a preview of the True \_\_\_\_\_**

“Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.<sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.” Exodus 40:34-35

“The Word **became flesh and made his dwelling** (tabernacled) among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

### **3. The catalyst for starting to remove the stench of death is**

“‘Lord,’ Martha said to Jesus, ‘if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’<sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.’

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, ‘I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. **The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;** <sup>26</sup>**and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?**’

<sup>27</sup> ‘Yes, Lord,’ she replied, ‘I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’” John 11:21-27

“Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb<sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:11-18

### **What is it that will never die?**

- Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup>**and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.** Do you believe this?’” John 11:25-26
- A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?” “All people are like grass and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, but **the word of our God endures forever.**” Isaiah 40:6-8

All Scriptures are from the New International Version Bible unless otherwise mentioned. You may make comments or ask Bro. Tony questions about this message by email at: **[brotony@itawambachristianchurch.org](mailto:brotony@itawambachristianchurch.org)**