Sermon Notes April 26, 2026

John 21 18 “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to
do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to
go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others
will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” 19 Jesus said
this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then
Jesus told him, “Follow me.” 20 Peter turned around and saw behind
them the disciple Jesus loved—the one who had leaned over to Jesus
during supper and asked, “Lord, who will betray you?” 21 Peter asked
Jesus, “What about him, Lord?” 22 Jesus replied, “If I want him to
remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.”

Matthew 20 1 “For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who
went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He
agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work. 3 “At
nine o’clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and
saw some people standing around doing nothing. 4 So he hired them,
telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the
day. 5 So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three
o’clock he did the same thing. 6 “At five o’clock that afternoon he was
in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked
them, ‘Why haven’t you been working today?’ 7 “They replied,
‘Because no one hired us.’ “The landowner told them, ‘Then go out and
join the others in my vineyard.’ 8 “That evening he told the foreman to
call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers
first. 9 When those hired at five o’clock were paid, each received a full
day’s wage. 10 When those hired first came to get their pay, they
assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day’s
wage. 11 When they received their pay, they protested to the
owner, 12 ‘Those people worked only one hour, and yet you’ve paid
them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching
heat.’ 13 “He answered one of them, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair!
Didn’t you agree to work all day for the usual wage? 14 Take your
money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. 15 Is it
against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be
jealous because I am kind to others?’

Ephesians 2 1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

1 Timothy 1 15 This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. 16 But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. 17 All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

Psalm 147 4 He counts the stars and calls them all by name. 5 How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!