

# Haysville Christian Church



Sermon Notes, Pastor Kurt Henson  
For the week of April 12, 2020

Message: Social Distancing and the Nearness of God

Text: Isaiah 59:1-2

Church Online (week four)

## Resurrection Sunday



Luke 24:6-7

*6 He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."*

**Easter**, so what's the big deal? Just another Holy Day for one of the world's religions? Is it to be equated with Thanksgiving, Columbus Day and National Pie Day?

### Easter is all about Social Distancing!

Why do birds suddenly appear  
Every time you are near?

**Just like me, they long to be Close to you!**

**The Resurrection of Jesus is about One Thing: God wants to be with us.**

#### 1. God Wants to be with Us

- In the Beginning, God walked with Adam and Eve in the garden, then.....sin happened.

#### 2. sin has caused the ultimate "Social Distancing"

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short  
That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull  
That it cannot hear.

2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2

It becomes "normal" for people to live in "isolation" from God.

#### 3. The Bible Records the Movement of God toward us.

Abraham--Moses—Sinai—Tabernacle—  
---Emmanuel—Cross—Resurrection—  
---Outpouring of His Spirit

*When Jesus walked to the cross, God was in Christ taking each step closer to you.*

Easter represents the turning point of human history. The resurrected Christ becomes the WAY to the Father and the Father's way to us!

#### 4. How Close are you to God?

God --- Father --- Abba --- Papa

Romans 8:15, For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (daddy, papa)

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." A.W. Tozer

**Prodigal Son = the Father embraced him!**  
*felt, saw, ran, embraced, and kissed!*

**Are You Living in the Divine Embrace?**