

"A BEHOLD, TO BEHOLD!" - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 2020 - EXODUS 17:1-7; ROMANS 5:1-11; JOHN 4:5-42
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

What catches your eye? `Hey, look over here!' Sometimes we say, `Not now,' `Later,' or `What did I miss?' `Look here,' `see,' `take notice,' `do not miss this' are all summed up in the simple, powerful, renewing word, "Behold!" As we share our Lenten journey through Jesus' last words on the cross, today brings us to those words, "Woman, behold, your son. Behold your mother." Even when Jesus is suffering on the cross, he calls us to `behold,' to see, to take notice, to not miss, his compassion in all he is giving us. As we also look today to the woman at the well, let us see `a behold to behold,' let us see all that is given, the presence of Jesus, the power of Jesus, the grace of Jesus. When it comes to all Jesus gives to meet our every need, behold, see you see in a new way, take hold of the simple renewing power in these seven words: "Believe it, and you will see it!"

1. Behold, a behold to behold, Jesus is present! Romans 5:1-5; John.4:5-10,25-26,35
 - A. Like the woman at the well, behold, see, who comes to you!
 - B. Like his mother and John, see Jesus giving his presence to you through one another! John 19:26-27

2. Behold, a behold to behold, Jesus is power! Romans 5:5; John 4:10-15
 - A. Like the woman at the well, behold, see, who gives you life!
 - B. Like his mother and John, see Jesus, defining you, saving you!

3. Behold, a behold to behold, Jesus is grace! Romans 5:2,6-11; John 4:18-29,39-42
 - A. Like the woman at the well, behold, see, who knows you best!
 - B. Like his mother and John, see Jesus who renews, restores, builds us up, to `believe it and you will see it,' to see a behold to behold!