

"Believe It or Not!"

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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John 20:1-10

BIG IDEA: I must each decide what I will do about the Risen Christ!

*"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
'I have seen the Lord!'"*
John 1:18a (CSB)



Mary's fear.



John's confusion.



Peter's guilt.



LESSONS (*So what am I going to do about it?*)

- Jesus' resurrection can transform fear into faith.
- Jesus' resurrection can transform confusion into courage.
- Jesus' resurrection can transform guilt into grace.
- Jesus' resurrection cannot be ignored.

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READ: John 20:1-10

THINK: As you contemplate the reality of Jesus' resurrection, ask yourself these questions: *When you become upset, who is the first person you go to for comfort and encouragement? What is Mary thinking and feeling as she makes her way to Jesus' tomb early on that Resurrection Sunday morning? How does Mary react to the empty tomb? Why? Why does John initially stop short of stepping into the empty tomb? Is Peter relieved or concerned when he realizes Jesus' body is not in the tomb? Why? How come the disciples "did not understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead?"*

DO: How does Jesus' resurrection help you deal with the pain and reality of death? What do you rely on for evidence that Jesus rose from the dead? What difference does Jesus' resurrection make in your life today?