

“Resurrection!”

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Matthew 28:1-10

BIG IDEA: Jesus is alive!

“He is not here.

For he has risen, just as he said.”

Matthew 28:6 (CSB)

☞ **Resurrection - A Word of Consolation.**

☞ **Resurrection - A Word of Proclamation.**

☞ **Resurrection - A Word of Invitation.**

☞ **Resurrection - A Word of Celebration.**

☞ **Resurrection - A Word of Admonition.**

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READ: Matthew 28:1-10

THINK: Imagine being with the women on Resurrection Morning, then ask yourself these questions: *When have you been pleasantly surprised that things didn't turn*

out the way you anticipated? Who first visits the tomb (see also Luke 23:56-24:1)? When do they go? Why now? How were they feeling on their way to the tomb? What problems did they expect to confront (see 27:60, 65-66)? How do you think they felt as they left the tomb? As they met Jesus? Why do you suppose God had the women encounter the angel before they met Jesus? What was the essence of the angel's message to them? Why did Jesus appear to these women before He appeared to His own disciples? In light of 4:10, what is the significance that they worshipped Jesus? What is the essence of Jesus' message to the women?

DO: How did the reality of Jesus' resurrection “dawn” on you? How would argue against the ideas that 1) The disciples stole the body? 2) That Jesus only “swooned” on the cross, and revived in the tomb? 3) That the resurrection was a legend that caught on? In what ways can you fulfill the Great Commission in the context of your family? Work? Community? What hope does this passage give you as you seek to follow Jesus?