

"7 Days: The King's Vindication"

Sunday, April 20, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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John 2:1-23

BIG IDEA: King Jesus was vindicated through His resurrection.

*"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
'I have seen the Lord!'"*
John 20:18 (CSB)



King Jesus was vindicated by Mary's devotion. (v1-2, 11-18)



King Jesus was vindicated by Peter & John's investigation. (v3-10)



King Jesus was vindicated by the Disciples' commission. (v19-23)

BIG IDEA: King Jesus was vindicated through His resurrection.

READ: John 20:1-23

THINK: Try to place yourself among Jesus' Disciples on Resurrection morning, then ask yourself these questions: *When something upsets you, who is the first one you tell? Since Mary was a witness to Jesus' torturous death, what do you imagine her emotional state was like just two days later? Why did Mary visit the tomb so early? On arriving at the empty tomb, what did John ("the other disciple") believe? Why?*

Given John's response (v8), why do you suppose Mary is still weeping? What finally breaks through her grief and confusion? What term does Jesus use for His Disciples here (v17, compare with John 15:15)? How has the relationship between Jesus and His Disciples changed? Of all the things Jesus must have said to the Disciples when He appeared to them, why does John record, "Peace be with you?" How does this relate to their fears? To their being sent?

DO: What do you rely on for evidence that Jesus rose from the dead and convinced you of who Jesus is? How has Jesus "spoken your name" in a time of grief? How did it affect you? What does it mean to you that Jesus is your brother? Where could you use Jesus "peace" right now? What doubts are you struggling with? What have you found helpful in dealing with doubts? Remember: HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!