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Seeing the Resurrection

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“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” John 20:1-2

“So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture,⁶ that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.” John 20:3-10

“Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus” Verse 14

How do you see the truth of the resurrection in your life?

1. WE NEED EVIDENCE FOR OUR MINDS

2. WE NEED ANSWERS FOR OUR HEART

There were 2 reasons why Mary couldn’t see Jesus.

- Her TEARS
- Her FOCUS

3. WE NEED A RELATIONSHIP FOR OUR SOUL

- I recognize YOU, Lord

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Verses 15-17

- You recognize ME, Lord.

“I call my sheep by name.” John 10:3

The resurrection moves from being a historical event to being a personal event when we hear Jesus speak our NAME!