



EASTER | Made New | April 1

Opening Up:

- What is your favorite Easter treat?
- The first bite of an easter bunny - what do you choose first?
- What do you love about Easter celebrations?

Reference: John 20:1-18

Discuss:

1. What spoke to you from the sermon this weekend?
2. If you could see anything “made new” in life right now, what would it be?
3. In the text John believes right away. It was not so for Mary. Who do you relate most to? Why?
4. Mary had experienced a lot of trauma in life. How do you think traumatic events in your life have impacted your hopefulness in faith?
5. Mary had real demons in her past (Luke 8:2). One demonic tool is accusation (Revelation 12:10)? How can you tell when the Holy Spirit is convicting and when the devil is accusing? (Note from sermon: One sign that what you are feeling may be an accusation from the enemy and not a conviction from the Holy Spirit is when it produces anxiety and not repentance.)
6. Jesus reveals himself to Mary by calling her name. Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice (John 10:27-28). When has God called your name? Or, name a time that you think God was speaking to you the most clearly.
7. Mary was an unlikely choice to be the first witness. She was a woman who had been demon possessed. What does this say about the nature of God’s kingdom? How does this choice by Jesus speak to you?
8. In what way is God making you new right now?
9. Pray