RESURRECTION REACTIONS

## John 20:11-31

How do you see?

* “Saw” (v. 5) – *blepo;* to look at something
* “Saw” (v. 6) – *theoreo*; to notice, consider or investigate.
* “Saw” (v. 8) – *eido;* to perceive or understand.

Your faith must be based purely on God’s Truth…and not mixed with anything else.

MARY: FEELING IS BELIEVING

* All she could do is stand and weep (v. 11) Psalm 30:5
* What she felt was not square with the facts.
* Jesus calls her by name. She has the evidence (empty tomb, grave clothes), and now she has the calling. Jesus called her by name.

She responds by faith, bows, grabs His feet and clings to Him. He told her to let go because:

* He has not yet ascended to the Father. He will still be around for a few weeks.
* He has a job for her. “Go to my brothers…”
* Her faith produced obedience (v. 18)
* Shared her testimony
* Shared Jesus’ Words

THE DISCIPLES: SEEING IS BELIEVING

* They are huddled in fear when Jesus appears (v. 19)
* All they had previously seen and understood did not represent the present reality. May God open our eyes to see the Truth as it really is
* Now, they really “see!” (v. 20). Maybe He keeps these scars throughout eternity to remind us how we removed all our scars.

Their Mission Statement (and ours): “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

He denotes their special authority as apostles in verse 23. The NT Scriptures had not been written. In fact, He will use them and/or their supervision to pen down the NT. He is saying that He is giving them authority from Him to declare what is divinely forbidden or permitted on earth.

THOMAS: PROVING IS BELIEVING

* “I will not believe…unless…”
* It’s a decision; a commitment…

YOU: TRUSTING IS BELIEVING

* Believe His Word and Trust in His Grace.
* This is why John wrote His Gospel (v. 31)