In the Storm "The Change in the Storm" Sunday, April 12, 2020 – Easter Online Sermon

Text: John 20:10-18

INTRODUCTION

* I wonder what will change in life because of the Coronavirus storm?

Storms will bring about some changes in life.

I. MARY MAGDALENE CHANGED FROM WEEPING TO WORSHIPPING (John 20:15-17)

Mary stood outside the tomb "Weeping."

Mary stands at the tomb – with her world turned upside down.

- Broken **dreams**
- Unfulfilled promises
- Major **disappointments**
- Hopelessness

There's one thing that will not leave us **empty**. An empty tomb!!

II. PETER AND JOHN CHANGED FORM CARELESS TO COMMITTED (Acts 4:13)

Peter and John had followed Jesus day and night for 3 years.

Everything **changes** in the **Passion Week** as the bewildered disciples go into hiding. **But it all changed** after the **Resurrection**. It is evident that these disciples were **dedicated**, **committed** followers of Jesus who would turn the world upside down.

SEVERAL WAYS THEIR COMMITMENT WAS EVIDENT IN ACTS

- A. Men of Compassion Acts 3:1-8
- B. Men of Conviction Acts 4:1-3
- C. Men of Courage Acts 4:13
- D. Men of Communion Acts 4:13

III. SAUL CHANGED FROM RELIGIOUS SAUL TO REDEEMED PAUL (Acts 9:1-10)

Acts 8:3 – "He made **havoc** of the church."

Saul came face-to-face with the crucified, risen Savior.

When Saul died – churches **existed** in every major city of the **Roman Empire**.

SAUL HAD TAKEN THE PAGAN WORLD BY STORM

Do you want to know how a life can change like that? A crucified, risen, alive Savior.

Let your

- 1. Weeping be turned to worshipping.
- 2. Your carelessness be turned to commitment.
- 3. Your religion be turned to redemption.