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2020 Embracing a New Vision

Sight: The ability to see what's in front of you. Vision: The ability to see around the corner.

Mark 16:1-7 (NIV)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

- ♦ The resurrection changes your sight to vision.
- ♦ Vision is a result of looking from inside the grave out!

Resurrection vision:

1. Vision sees opportunities not obstacles.

2. Vision sees beyond the natural! (Mark 16:5b)

2 Kings 6:15-17 (NIV)

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. ¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

- 3. Vision isn't dimmed by doubt. (Mark 16:6b)
 - Spiritual vision allows us to see our doubts through the lens of resurrection.
- 4. Vision gives us confidence in the future because He is already there! (Mark 16:7)



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