**Antigo Community Church – March 31, 2024**

**Title: Not So!**

**Text: John 20:1-31**

John sees and believes – he is the first to believe!

Mary is the first person to see Jesus resurrected!

Mary transformed – from despair, and hopelessness to hope and a mission – go tell by brothers…

John 16:22

“…Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will be able to take away your joy.”

The Disciples – from great fear to unbelievable joy.

1 Peter 1:8-9

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

Thomas – from doubt to faith

1 Corinthians 15:13

“If there is no resurrection from the dead, then not even Christ has been raised…”

1 Corinthians 15:20, 54b-56

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead… Death has been swallowed up in victory. ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Death is Defeated!

1 Corinthians 15:17

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sin.”

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead… For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

Romans 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Psalm 103:12

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Forgiveness is Complete!

1 Corinthians 15:32b

“If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.’”

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”

Eternity is Secure!

Rejoice that a world without Easter is - Not So!