

In our series on Acts, Dr. Baucom pointed out how apostles, deacons and other believers performed signs and wonders to help spread the gospel. This week we begin a new series that will lead us to study Jesus' use of signs in John's gospel. This series will allow us to discover the power of God and point us to a deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

1. How would you describe the terms *signs & wonders*?

- Have you ever seen a *sign* or *wonder*?
- What did it mean to you?
- What, if anything, did it tell you about God?

2. **Read John 20:30-31.** What do these verses say about why John wrote his gospel?

3. This week we heard about the resurrection of Jesus – the ultimate sign. **Read John 20:1-18.**

- What might verses 8-10 say about Peter and John's understanding of what they were seeing?
- Why do you think Mary might not have recognized Jesus at first?
- In light of Jesus' response, verse 17, how do you think Mary responded when, after calling her by name, she recognized Jesus?
- Try and put yourself in her place. How might you have responded?
- What makes the resurrection the ultimate sign?

4. Compare the different gospel accounts of the resurrection – who does each writer say was there? What happened in each? What's different in each? What's similar?

- Matthew 28:1-10

- Mark 16:1-8

- Luke 24:1-12

- John 20:1-18

5. Think about how each person reacted when they realized Jesus' body was not in the tomb. What do their reactions say about our human nature? How do you think you would have reacted?

6. What does the resurrection say about our common needs?

7. What does the resurrection tell you about Jesus? Who is He? What is He like?

8. In **John 20:19-29**, we hear about Jesus' appearances to the disciples, and His comments to them. In verse 20, the disciples react by rejoicing. As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection this week, how can you reflect joy to others around you?

This Sunday, Columbia @Crossroads worships together for the first time. Ignition Groups are being introduced as their means of adult spiritual growth and to build authentic community in the church body. Pray for many new facilitators and all the groups' future gatherings.