



**Easter Sunday**

*The Discovery*

**John 20:1-18**

*The Wilderness Is Where We Encounter Resurrection*

***The Unexpected Discoveries We Made This Year...***

*Toilet Paper is underrated... Pants are overrated...*

*You can still see a smile behind a mask... Hugs aren't always bad...*

*Hope comes in the strangest forms...*

*There's more that unites us than divides us...*

***Easter Recalibrated—what do we really expect?***

*Are we still willing to be surprised by hope?*

*Are we able to see Jesus? Can we still believe?*

***Let's read The Story once more through the lens of our experience...***

*Could it be that this past year has given us the ability to see more?*

*Maybe the wilderness journey is what we need to understand...*

**THE WILDERNESS IS WHERE WE ENCOUNTER RESURRECTION**

**John 20:1-18**

- *John starts everything in the dark—it's hard to see, everything is chaos.*
  - *Mary faces her fears and comes to the tomb, but doesn't go in right away.*
  - *Peter and "The Beloved Disciple" - race to the tomb, but return back to fear.*
  - *Mary's revelation unfolds beautifully—the light comes, the garden is reshaped*
  - *It all speaks to surprise, wonder, unexpectedness—knowing/seeing/believing*
  - *Her name is spoken and she knows, she sees and then believes....*
  - *She is sent out of the garden to spread the Good News—the "curse" is lifted.*
- God is always unexpectedly turning the darkness to light, bringing order to chaos, raising to new life what we leave for dead.***

***What is still in darkness for you? Where are you longing for light to shine?***

*the past, the losses, the grief, the sadness or anger*

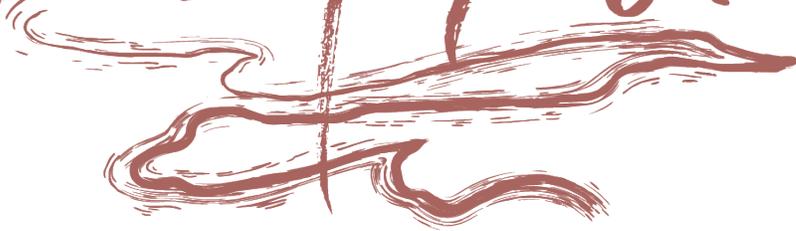
***Where might you be missing the Risen Christ?***

*knowing/seeing/believing*

**THE WILDERNESS ROAD IS LIKE A LABYRINTH**

# Wilderness

LENT 2020



## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### **FOR FURTHER READING:**

***A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent***  
*Walter Brueggeman*

***Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter***  
*Various Authors*

***The Unvarnished Jesus: A Lenten Journey***  
*Brian Zahnd*

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