

Living Lent | Day 40

An Unbelievable Reality

Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Mag'dalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

Mark 16:9

Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

Jesus rises from the dead and appears to Mary Magdalene. Mary? Mary, with her checked past, is among the very first to encounter our risen Lord? Yep! Mary understood grace. She knew firsthand the power of Jesus. She understood how transforming His love could be and she knew firsthand the cruelty of this world. She knew what it was like to be looked down on and disrespected. She knew what it was like to not be trusted.

Do you see the irony in the fact that Jesus entrusted her with the amazing opportunity to be among the first to share the good news of His resurrection and then the disciples, her friends, don't believe her? They don't trust her. How could they? This is an unbelievable reality. Jesus was dead and now He is not.

We have centuries of evidence pointing to the resurrection of our Savior. Like Mary, we have experienced firsthand the power of his grace in our lives. We have the testimony of the saints and we have witnessed for ourselves the reality of a living Lord.

Yet I am left wondering. Does my life more accurately reflect the gratitude of Mary or the unbelief of the disciples? My head and heart declare without hesitation "I believe" but one might ask "Is it not an unbelievable reality that one can truly believe what you say you believe and live the way you do?"

May the Lord do in my life what he did with the disciples and turn my doubts into life shaping, destiny directing, world changing belief!

“Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.” Perhaps the reality is so unbelievable words simple will not make people believe. People need to see the “signs that accompanied it”. They need to see actions that confirm the truth. St. Francis said it well when he said “Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.”

Contributor and Contributing Body of Christ

In 2004 Jay Hanson founded of The Chapel in Brunswick and remains the pastor there today. Jay grew up on St. Simons Island with his parents Rev. Dave and Kay Hanson who still live in Epworth Acres. Jay and his wife of 33 years, Kim Hanson, raised their two kids, Cole and Sumer, on the coast. The kids are now both grown and live in the Golden Isles as does Kim’s mother, Gerry Moody. The Hanson tribe has deep roots in this area and is proud of the great spiritual heritage of this community. Jay leads the multi-campus church known as The Chapel with staff in Brunswick, Rincon, and On-line. Their dedication to the people of a broad area such as this evidences their concern for their neighbors beyond the congregation itself, including their dedication to the Children of Morningstar.

*It takes a lot of everything to **create home and healing** for the foster children, our neighbors, served at Morningstar Children’s Home.*

We invite you to join others in giving \$1 per day during Lent to help support the needs of the children.

[Donate Now](#)

[Day of Service/Stations of the Cross](#)

Sign Up For Our Daily Devotionals





Discover Morningstar Children & Family Services

Learn More

a sanctuary where **transformative** teaching and **healing** affirms
our children through **real relationships**

Primary Mailing Address
P.O. Box 370
Brunswick, GA 31521

Brunswick Counseling Center
220 Santo Domingo Drive
Brunswick, GA 31525

Perry Counseling Center
402 Courtney Hodges Blvd, Ste 201
Perry, GA 31069

Morningstar Residential Campus
1 Youth Estate Drive
Brunswick, GA 31525

morningstarcfs.org | [@morningstarcfs](https://www.facebook.com/morningstarcfs)  



Morning Star CFS | 1 Youth Estate Drive, Brunswick, GA 31525, Brunswick, GA 31525

[Unsubscribe | ljohnson@morningstarcfs.org](mailto:ljohnson@morningstarcfs.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [About Constant Contact](#)

Sent by livinglent@morningstarcfs.org in collaboration
with



Try email marketing for free today!