

# **PROJECT RECONNECT**

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Liturgical Date: Year C, Easter 4, Sunday, 11th May 2025

Presenter: Rev John Barr

Focus Reading: Acts 9:36-43

*Message* 8 minutes 20 seconds

"Resurrection-Our Story"

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1. What did you think about resurrection being the focus of "our story"?
- 2. How do these stories of resurrection speak to you?
- 3. What does it mean for your faith community to be a "resurrection people"?
- 4. How may the dark places of the world be renewed by the reality of resurrection?

## Readings for this day

**John 10:22-30** Jesus' response challenges a limited conception of Jewish Messiahship that would promise a better but perishable life for people with a declaration that he gives his followers eternal life that will never perish.

**Psalm 23** Depicting YHWH as Sheperd and Host, this psalm has always been read as symbolizing the pilgrim journey of life triumphing over the shadow of death itself. **Revelations 7:9-17** A great multitude of white-robed people from every race and nation gather in eternity to praise Christ as the great Lamb of God whose worthy life vindicated their lives as eternally worthy.

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All Age Message: Rev John Barr "Beyond the Fog"

Length 3 minutes 55 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Up in the Blue mountains sometimes visibility is forever, then when fog comes, everything closes in, shuts us off and shuts us down. Peter raised Tabitha from a place where everything was supposedly gone. To live for Jesus is to look beyond the things that cut us off and shut us down. In Christ the fog can be lifted life can be experienced, as life was intended to be.

# Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 23 - pages 260

### **Rev John Barr**

Retired minister living in the Blue Mountains with my wife, Laurel. I have served in Indonesia and then worked with 'Uniting World' church partnerships for many years. I have served with congregations in Armidale, West Epping and more recently in Castle Hill, Parramatta, and Richmond. I am passionate about the church being the Body of Christ across many expressions, cultures, and traditions as we together bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ as one.