

**SEEING BEYOND OUR ABILITY**  
**John 20:19-31**

It is difficult to see things that are beyond our reality. We live lives that are narrowly focused, conditioned by our environment, traditions, and habits. The name Hans Lippershey is not a famous one, but he made a tremendous contribution to the world of vision. In 1600, he created the first telescope. He was a Dutch spectacle maker. One day two children came into his shop and were playing with some of the lenses scattered around. They put two together which greatly magnified a weathervane across the street. Lippershey capitalized on the discovery and made a profit selling his new lenses to the military.

This all happened in Middleburg, Netherlands. Several others claimed to invent the telescope at about the same time. Galileo is the most famous but even he credits Lippershey for his creation. Most everyone doubted the creation at first. It was hard for them in that time to envision things could be magnified. It was beyond their reality. Even when our vision is enhanced by technology it is sometimes impaired by our lack of faith. Ironically, it took two small children at play to make it all happen. An unexplainable event shaped the beliefs of society and enabled them to see.

How has experiencing the resurrection of Jesus shaped your life?

God bless,  
Pastor Barbara