

Easter Sunday

Would We Know Him?

John 20:1-18

**“Grief is the price we
pay for love.”**

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

**So she came running to
Simon Peter and the other
disciple,
the one Jesus loved, and
said,
“They have taken the Lord
out of the tomb, and we
don’t know where they have
put him!”**

**So Peter and the other
disciple started for the tomb.**

**Both were running but the
other disciple out ran Peter
and reached the tomb first.**

**He bent over and looked in
at the strips of linen lying
there but did not go in.**

Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place separate from the linens.

Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside.

He saw and believed.

(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

**They asked her, “Woman,
why are you crying?”**

**“They have taken my
Lord away,” she said,
“and I don’t know where
they have put him.”**

**At this, she turned
around and saw
Jesus standing there,
but she did not
realize that it was
Jesus.**

He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

**1. Mary doesn't
recognize Jesus at
first.**

Matthew 7:7-8

**Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find; knock
and the door will be opened to
you.**

**For everyone who asks
receives; the one who seeks
finds; and to the one who
knocks, the door will be
opened to you.**

2. Jesus response to Mary

“Why are you crying?
Who are you looking
for?”

**Jesus said to her,
“Mary.”**

**She turned toward him
and cried out in
Aramaic, “Rabboni!”
(which means Teacher)**

Jesus said, “Do not hold onto me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

**Mary Magdalene went to
the disciples with the
news; “I have seen the
Lord!”**

**And she told them that
he had said these things
to her.**

John 10:27-28

**My sheep listen to my
voice; I know them and
they follow me.**

**I give them eternal life and
they shall never perish; no
one will snatch them out
of my hand.**

**1. It's not over until
Jesus says it's over.**

Micah 7:7

But as for me, I watch
in hope for the Lord, I
wait for God my
Savior my God will
hear me.

2. Check our Blindspots

**Would you have
known Jesus?**

Matthew 13:15

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn and I would heal them.

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

**3. Whatever we are
looking for can be
found in Jesus.**

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