



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 20:1-18 (NAS)

“Jesus’ First Appearance Following The Resurrection”

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- 1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene *came early to the tomb, while it *was still dark, and *saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.
- 2 So she *ran and *came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and *said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."
- 3 So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb.
- 4 The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;
- 5 and stooping and looking in, he *saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in.
- 6 And so Simon Peter also *came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he *saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- 7 and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.
- 9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.
- 10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes.
- 11 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;
- 12 and she *saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.
- 13 And they *said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She *said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."
- 14 When she had said this, she turned around and *saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.
- 15 Jesus *said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she *said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."
- 16 Jesus *said to her, "Mary!" She turned and *said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).
- 17 Jesus *said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"
- 18 Mary Magdalene *came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

I. WHAT WAS THE ORDER OF EVENTS ON THE FIRST RESURRECTION MORNING?

- A. Jesus Arose Accompanied By An Earthquake
- B. Angels Appeared Causing Roman Guards To Leave Their Post
- C. Group Of Women Came To The Tomb (Mary Magdalene among them)

- D. Mary Ran To Tell The Disciples, Peter And John Came To The Tomb
- E. Mary Returned To The Tomb And Was The First To See The Resurrected Savior

II. WHY WERE THE ANGELS PRESENT?

- A. Present At His Conception
- B. Present At His Birth
- C. Present With Him In The Garden
- D. Proclaiming God’s Plan Of Salvation

III. WHY DID MARY FAIL TO RECOGNIZE JESUS?

- A. Two Disciples On The Road To Damascus Had Similar Experience
- B. She Was Looking For A Body Not The Resurrected Lord

IV. WHAT WAS JESUS’ RESPONSE TO MARY

- A. Gentle Admonition
- B. Words Of Encouragement *Psalm 34:18; John 10:14, 14-17*

V. WHY DID MARY USE THE TITLE “RABBONI”

- A. Title Of Reverence
- B. Title Recognizing The Relationship Of A Disciple to Jesus

VI. WHY DID JESUS ASK MARY TO STOP CLINGING TO HIM?

- A. He Had Another Assignment For Her
- B. His Relationship To His Disciple Was About To Change
 1. My Father And Your Father
 2. My God and Your God