

The Resurrection

John 20:1-18

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Background

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Jesus Is Buried

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Matt 27: 55-61

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Joseph of Arimathea

- From Judean town of Arimathea
 - Member of Sanhedrin (high Jewish council)
 - Wealthy
 - good & upright man
- } *Known from Scripture*

Mary Magdalene

- From town of Magdala
- Often mischaracterized as a prostitute
- Not to be confused with:
 - Mary, mother of Jesus
 - Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha & Lazarus)
 - Mary, mother of James
- Jesus cast 7 demons from her; she became a believer
- Part of a group of core believers following Jesus
 - Traveled with disciples; provided money, food, services for the ministry
- Model of fidelity; loved Him
- Witnessed important events, including crucifixion
- Showed up for Jesus

Women visiting the tomb Sunday morning:

- Mary Magdalene
 - Mary (mother of James)
 - Salome
 - Joanna
 - "other women"
- } Combined gospel accounts
- John's focus



John 20:1-10 The Resurrection

20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Scripture		Death & Resurrection Foretold
Matthew	16:21	²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
	17:22-23	Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day. "
	20:18-19	¹⁸ "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day. "
Mark	8:31	³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.
	9:31	"The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise. "
	10:34	³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise. "
Luke	9:22	"The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. "
	18:33	"And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise. "

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

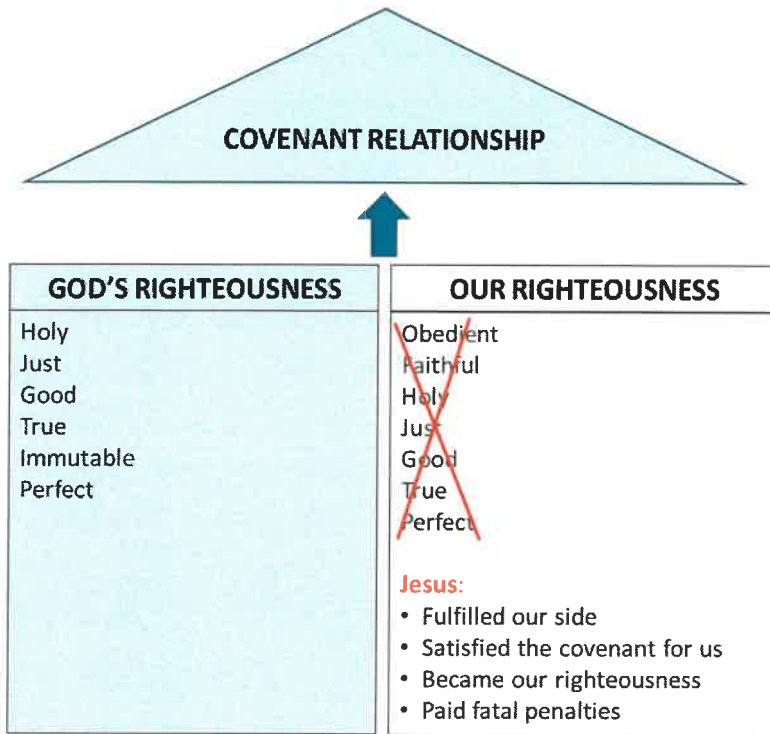
¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she 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 Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

What aspects get your attention about this scene with Jesus and Mary Magdalene? (Many possible favorites)

Reasons we should have JOY at Easter today?

WHAT THE RESURRECTION CHANGES (Reasons for JOY at Easter)

1. KEEPS ME IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



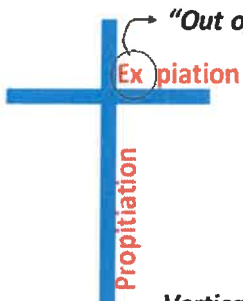
The Law could frighten them. It could restrain them. The law could blame & shame them, estrange them from God. But the law could not change them. Mighty & threatful; clear, self-evident and logical; bountiful in recompense. The law might force people to do good things. But the law could not make them good. Their nature was obdurate to the law.

But mercy found another way.

God, who hitherto upheld but one side of the covenant, now chose to uphold both sides.

Walt Wangerin Jr.
The Manger is Empty

2. NO LONGER IN MY SIN



"Out of" ... "away from". Our sin is removed from us

*as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
Psalm 103:12*

*Jesus triumphed over death. I will no longer die
Because I live, you also will live. (John 14)*

Vertical dimension...The satisfaction Christ accomplished w/ the Father

*... so that he might be just and the justifier of the one
who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:26*

3. NEW STATUS

- Children of God....no longer **children of wrath, like the rest of mankind**. No longer enemies of God (Eph 2)
- **the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.** John 1:12-13
- **...raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus** (Eph 2)
Heirs of God....fellow heirs of Christ (Rom 4)
- Brothers/sisters of Christ (John 20)
'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'