

## Jesus' Resurrection and Appearance to Mary Magdalene

John 20:1-18

### Main Themes:

1. Jesus rose from the dead because His death made atonement for all sin.
2. Jesus' forgiveness saves us from physical and spiritual death.
3. Jesus' forgiveness is the source of every blessing in Christ Jesus.
4. Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead gives us the hope of our own resurrection.

### Questions:

1. What is the first day of the week? Sunday.
2. Who is Mary Magdalene? A woman who had many infirmities and out of whom Jesus had cast seven demons (Luke 8:2)
3. What did Mary find at the tomb? The stone had been rolled away and Jesus was not there.
4. What did Mary do when she found the empty tomb? She ran to Peter and John and told them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."
5. Had other women gone with Mary? Yes, she says, "We do not know where they have laid Him."
6. What did Peter and John do? They ran to the tomb.
7. What did they find? An empty tomb with the linen grave cloths lying there and the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head folded together in a place by itself.
8. What do these details about what they saw tell us? That they were paying attention and had witnessed these things, and that they saw that Jesus' body was not in the tomb.
9. What happened to John, "the other disciple," when he went into the tomb and witnessed these things? He believed.
10. What did he believe? That Jesus was risen from the dead.
11. What does it mean that "as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead"? They may have believed that Jesus was risen from the dead, but they did not understand and know that His resurrection was according to the Old Testament Scriptures.
12. After Peter and John left the tomb, what did Mary observe? "Two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain."
13. Why was Mary weeping? She loved Jesus, and His body was not there.
14. With what words "my Lord" and "Him" tell us about what Mary thought about Jesus and His body? She did not separate the person of Jesus from His body. She had known Him only through His body. The body of a person is important to who he or she is.
15. What happened after she answered the angels? She turned around and saw Jesus but did not know that it was He.
16. What did Jesus ask her? "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"
17. Who did Mary think Jesus was? The gardener.
18. What did she ask Him? If He had taken Jesus away, where had He laid, not simply His body, but Him.
19. What caused Mary to recognize Him? Jesus spoke her name.
20. How did Mary address Him? As "Rabboni" which means "teacher" and is a term of affection.
21. What did Mary do? She hugged Jesus in His body.
22. Why did she do this? She loved Him and was happy to see Him risen from the dead.
23. Can Mary continue to cling to Him in this way? No.
24. Why not? Because Jesus must still ascend to His Father.
25. What does Jesus present to the Father in His ascension? The perfect sacrifice for sin that He had offered upon the cross. Just as the high priest would take the blood of the atonement into the Holy of Holies and offer it before the Lord, so Jesus ascends to His God and Father to continually intercede for us as our own faithful High Priest.
26. What does Jesus tell Mary to do? "Go to my brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

27. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, what do we have the right to call God? My Father and my God.
28. Who does the pronoun "My" indicate? Jesus and every Christian are joined together in Baptism calling God, their Father and their God.
29. What did Mary do? She told the disciples everything that Jesus had told her.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus, we give thanks to You that by dying You took away the cause of death and by Your forgiving Word You raised the dead. As Mary Magdalene held on to Your body in faith and love on Easter morning, so teach us to love You with all our heart, to listen to Your forgiving Word, and to live in confident hope of the resurrection a happy reunion with those who in faith have gone before us; for You live and resing with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.