

THE MOST AMAZING MORNING!

John 20:1-18

Two major scenes...

I. THE DISCOVERY OF THE EMPTY TOMB

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark...

Mark 16:3 - They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

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1...(they) saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.

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TWO contrasting interpretations...

A. INTERPRETATION #1 – ROBBERY

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;

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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.

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8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.

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B. INTERPRETATION #2 – RESURRECTION

9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

John 2:19–22 - Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

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10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

John 19:25, 27 - 25...But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother...27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

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II. THE DIALOGUE WITH THE RISEN SAVIOR

TWO results of the dialogue...

A. *THIS DIALOGUE REVIVED MARY'S HOPE*

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.

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*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."*

II. THE DIALOGUE WITH THE RISEN SAVIOR

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14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.

Luke 24:16 - But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

John 21:4 - But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

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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."

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16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).

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*B. THIS DIALOGUE REORIENTED MARY'S
THINKING*

17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father..."

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17...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.

Some concluding affirmations:

#1 – The Resurrection is Non-Negotiable

1 Cor 15:17-19 - if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins...if we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most pitied. –

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#1 – The Resurrection is Non-Negotiable

#2 – Man's Ways Are Not God's Ways

1 Cor 1:27–29

Isa 55:8 - For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

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#3 – God Is Not the Father of All People

John 1:12 - But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become CHILDREN OF GOD, even to those who believe in His name,