



## The True & Transforming Power of the Resurrection

John 20:11-16, 18 & 1 Peter 1:18-21

### Read John 20:11-16, 18 together:

*<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.*

### The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is true.

- ? What is the context of the passage above?
- ? Name some of the eight biblical authors and 27 letters that testify of the historical account of the Resurrection.
- ? Who was the first eyewitness of Jesus' resurrection? What was unusual about her testimony?
- ? In this passage, Jesus speaks Mary's name to her in her grief. How has Jesus spoken your name in a time of grief? How did it affect you?

### Read 1 Peter 1:18-21 together:

*<sup>18</sup> Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

### The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is transformational.

- ? What is the context of the passage above?
- ? What is the punishment for sin?

- ? Can we pay the required price due for our sin?
- ? Believers are ransomed NOT by perishable things but by the precious blood of Christ. What are some ways you have tried to pay for your sin?
- ? What proof do we have that Jesus' resurrection paid the full price for our sin?

**Jesus' resurrection is true and transformational for you personally.**

- ? Jesus is who he says he is. He paid the price for our sin and rose from the dead. What are you going to do with that information?
- ? What do you need to turn away from?
- ? Where do you need to place your faith and hope?

**Application:**

- ? What is one personal step you can take this week to move into Jesus' embrace as your Lord and Savior?
- ? Imagine being welcomed and named by Jesus with your sins completely forgiven and total freedom from shame and guilt. You are fully known and loved, both at the same time. Find a place of quiet rest today where you can hear Jesus speak your name and declare his love for you. Spend some time expressing your love for him with humility and gratitude.