

HOPE IN GOD

PSALM
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Sunday Morning, March 31, 2024 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: The Hope in Christ's Sacrifice

Message Text: John 20:1-18

Introduction

Mary Magdalene was a woman who had experienced the radical difference that Jesus could make in a life. She had been in the grip of seven devils and Christ set her free. She followed Jesus faithfully and served Him with all her heart. Yet when He died on the cross, her hopes were dashed like the rest of His followers. Let's consider the details of Mary's visit to the Garden Tomb on the day Christ rose from the dead and let's see how Christ's resurrection gave her hope.

1. The _____ Mary Sought (1-10)

Luke 24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

A. At the _____ (1)

John 20:1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

EARLY — no doubt sleepless/waking early due to this loss

COMFORT IN CARING FOR CHRIST'S BODY

Mark 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. (See also Luke 23:55-56)

COMFORT IN CLOSURE AT CHRIST'S BURIAL

Matthew 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

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NOTE — she had forgotten Christ's Word and was not comforted by the sight of an empty tomb.

Psalm 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction: For thy word hath quickened me.

B. From Christ's _____ (2-10)

John 20:2-10 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. 3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. 4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. 5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. 6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, 7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. 8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

DEFINITION—SAW: to perceive by sight

DEFINITION—BELIEVED: to accept; to trust Jesus as contained in the content of the Gospel

QUOTE: The tomb was open not to let Jesus' body out but to let the disciples and the world see that He rose. —BKC

THEY WENT HOME — Peter and John did not stay to help the women or to share their thoughts.

Psalm 60:11 Give us help from trouble: For vain is the help of man.

2. The _____ Mary Felt (11-15)

A. Overwhelmed with _____ (11-13)

John 20:11-13 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, 12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

DEFINITION—WEEP: to cry freely and profusely from sadness or distress; to grieve bitterly

QUOTE: She is neither startled nor does she address them. Only one explanation has been found for this apparent riddle. Mary has so completely given her heart to one thought and to the deep grief it brought that all other impressions fail to register in her mind. —Lenski

B. Overwhelmed with _____ (14-15)

John 20:14-15 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

QUESTIONS FROM CHRIST

I WILL TAKE HIM AWAY— emphatic

NOTE — Overwhelm cause us to speed up and to live frantic lives.

3. The _____ Christ Gave (16-18)

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

A. Through Personal _____ (16)

John 20:16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

John 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

John 10:27-28 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Proverbs 8:17 I love them that love me; And those that seek me early shall find me.

Note — Hope is not experienced in religious _____, but a personal _____ with the resurrected Savior.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

B. Through Life _____ (17-18)

John 20:17-18 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. 18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

TOUCH ME NOT — don't cling to me, there is time before I ascend back to heaven.

GO AND TELL — share the GOOD NEWS

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Conclusion

1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.



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