

# What Risen Jesus Accomplished For You

After being scourged, flagged, spat at, and beaten up, Jesus was crucified and in John 19:30 He said, "It is finished (John 19:30)." When Jesus died, He was brought down and His body was asked by Joseph of Arimathea from Pilate. Joseph was accompanied by Nicodemus, the Pharisee who visited Jesus at night. Joseph and Nicodemus wrapped Jesus' body with spices, in strips of linen. Then, his body was put in the tomb which no one had ever been laid (John 19:38-42). This proved that Jesus really died physically. There can never be resurrection without death.

Early on one Sunday, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she ran to Peter and John, the disciples of Jesus, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" Peter and John ran to the tomb and they saw strips of linen and cloth lying in the tomb (John 20:1-8). Then in John 20:9 it says, "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead (NIV)." I believe some of you here may not understand the significance of a risen Savior.

## WHAT RISEN JESUS ACCOMPLISHED FOR YOU?

Mary was thrilled at the sound of Jesus' voice. She was face to face with the Risen Savior! Seeing Jesus alive after death did many things for Mary at that very moment. He had changed her life significantly. I can assure you she was never the same after encountering the risen Lord. I want you to look briefly at "What Risen Jesus Accomplished For You."

### *The Risen Jesus will...*

#### **CALM YOUR FEARS**

John 20:13 - "They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."" (NIV)

Mary was worried and fearful. She feared that someone had stolen the body of Jesus. Mary Magdalene is the type of person that I would want to have as a friend. Her love for a friend never ends even after death. Honestly, you can hardly find friend like that. She was overwhelmed with fear. People today live lives filled with FEAR. People who don't have God, people who don't have Jesus should fear death and judgment. Hebrews 9:27 says "Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment (NIV)." With His resurrection, Jesus has conquered death and hell! Revelations 1:18 - "I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." (NIV)

Because of JESUS' VICTORY, He can help you! He can CALM YOUR FEARS! Jesus has accomplished what we could not! Jesus died so that you might live! Jesus died so that you could be redeemed!

#### **COMFORT YOUR SORROWS**

John 20:15 - "He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."" (NIV)

Mary is standing outside the tomb continuously weeping. Jesus comes up and says, "Woman, why are you crying?" She was crying because she thought someone had stolen her Master's body. Every person here has troubles! Whatever trouble you are facing, it is NOT TOO BIG FOR GOD! You may be blinded by the sorrow that fills your life right now. Through those tear-filled eyes, you fail to see God's hand at work. But if you will give God a chance, you will see like Mary did that He is STILL IN CONTROL. Mary had honorable intentions but she couldn't grasp what God had in store. She couldn't grasp that Jesus is going to rise from the dead. When Jesus rose from the dead, He did that so that He can comfort us when we need Him. JESUS IS NOT IN THE GRAVE BECAUSE HE IS BACK TO HIS THRONE! Things may look dark today but remember: Jesus is the LIGHT. Jesus will comfort your sorrows. He's just there beside you to wipe your tears. He's just there beside you to listen to your hardships and difficulties. He's just there whenever you need Him. He's just to give you a touch when you need it badly.

#### **CALL YOUR NAME**

John 20:16 - "Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"(which means "Teacher")." (NIV)

Jesus had changed Mary's life, He was her deliverer! You're not here by accident. Your friend, relative, or colleague brought you here but it is really Jesus calling you by name inviting you to be with Him.

He is saying to you that if you confess your sins, turn to Him, trust in Him surrender your all to Him, He will change your life just like He did for Mary! Do you know what I like about Jesus calling my name? When Jesus calls your name and you responded to have relationship with Him, He'll put your name in the Lamb's Book of Life.

#### **CONQUER YOUR DOUBTS**

John 20:19-20 - "19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord." (NIV)

The resurrection never crossed Mary's grief-stricken mind. She just loves the Lord dearly. But either she didn't believe that Jesus will come back to life or she really didn't understand when Jesus preached about resurrection. She was just focused on the present. All she could focus on was the fact that someone had taken Jesus' body from the tomb.

Many times we become so FOCUSED with the PROBLEMS of TODAY that we FORGET about the PROMISES of GOD for TOMORROW. When He showed His hands and side, He's just saying to them, "If I died and come back to life, I have conquered all your doubts and fears because you don't need to doubt and fear anymore."



1. Do you have fears and doubts, share some of them and why?
2. What did the lesson reminded you today about your fears and doubts?
- 3.) Who is the risen Jesus to your life today?