



"WHY ARE YOU WEeping?"

John 20:11-18

April 12, 2020

Questions for Fellowship & Application

MY STORY

1. This weekend's message centered on the experience of Mary Magdalene. Jesus brought her a powerful experience of renewal. What experiences of confusion or disillusionment have you faced as a Christian? How has the Lord helped?

QUICK REVIEW

Jesus transformed Mary's life for the 2nd time by meeting her by the empty tomb. She had a series of experiences that changed her life.

Read John 20:11-28

Three Revitalizing Experiences:

1. A Display of _____ (20:11-12)
2. A Show of _____ (20:13-16)
3. A Call to _____ (20:17-18)

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read II Corinthians 4:16-18.** What is the driving concern of this paragraph? What are we NOT to lose? And what perspective does the Lord give through Paul to keep us from losing it?
2. John 20 presents Mary weeping profusely, even wailing. Christians are those who experience grief, but not as those who have no hope (I Thessalonians 4:13). How would you distinguish between the sorrow of those who do have hope and those who don't?
3. **I Thessalonians 4:13-18** was written to give Christians perspective for times of sorrow. It was written in the context of bereavement, but can apply many kinds of loss. Read the passage. What points encourage your heart?
4. Mary encounters two angels in the empty tomb of Jesus. Angels appear all through the pages of Scripture, and there are different kinds of angels. They can easily become objects of human fascination and even misplaced devotion. **Hebrews 1** is possibly the most important chapter in the Bible about angels in relation to King Jesus. Read it carefully, and share what you understand to be its most important points.