

Mrk63 – The Resurrection is Personal – Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection is absolutely CENTRAL
to the entire Gospel Message

It is Absolutely CENTRAL to our Faith in Jesus Christ

In Fact – without The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
There is NO Christianity !

Everything about Our Eternal Life with God
HINGES on the CROSS and the RESURRECTION

BUT . . . For it to be PERSONAL – For YOU
It must be PERSONAL – To YOU

Let's Pray

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
Is the FULCRUM of our Faith

& it is our PERSONAL Victory
Over Death & the Grave

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Today we want to focus - on Mary Magdalene

Because there is SO MUCH in the Gospels
About how PERSONAL the Resurrection was for HER

Mary Magdalene had a Major Role
in our Last Message - "Courageous Followers"

& we ended that msg with - Mark 15:47 (NLT)
47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.

So they KNEW exactly where the tomb was

& so now (finally) - in Mark Ch 16 - we come to
the most significant event in all of history

Mark 16:1-4 (NLT)

*1 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene,
Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased
burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body.*

*2 Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the
tomb.*

*3 On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the
stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"*

*4 But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone,
which was very large, had already been rolled aside.*

The Gospel of MATTHEW fills in for us
HOW that stone got rolled away

Matthew 28:2-4 (NLT)

2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.

3 His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.

4 The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

This IS IT – this is the moment

that all of HEAVEN has been waiting for - THE RESURRECTION!

& THESE Vs's in MATTHEW are WHY

When Mary Magdalene & the women - GOT to the Tomb

The 'Welcome Mat' was already laid out for them

So – cont'g back in - Mark 16:5 (NLT)

5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side (Luke says his robe was gleaming like lightning). The women were shocked,

This word translated 'Shocked' - MEANS

they were Uncontrollably Terrified

Mark 16:6 (NLT)

6 but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body.

Jesus has RISEN From the DEAD

THIS is - the **Most PROFOUND Miracle** - in **all History**

God became a Man

Took on **himself** - **your sins** & **mine**

Paid for them **completely** on **The Cross**

Then **BEAT** the **consequences** of **sin**, & **death**, & the **grave**
& **ROSE** from the **dead**

SO THAT – **By Faith** in **Him** – we **CAN Do** the **SAME thing!**

THIS is what **our FAITH** is **ALL ABOUT**

- **THIS** is **EVERYTHING**

& **For THIS** to become **PERSONAL** – **For You**
It MUST become **PERSONAL** – **To You**

& **so** – the **angel continues speaking** to the **women**

Mark 16:7 (NLT)

7 Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.

Go & **tell** His **Disciples** – **INCLUDING PETER!**

Do you think the **Resurrection** of Jesus
Would be **PERSONAL** for **Peter?**

It **WOULD BE** – **For Sure!**

For the Follower who may've been
the GREATEST SINNER

& for the Leader of the 12
who became the DENIER

The Resurrection of Jesus - was VERY PERSONAL

& The Resurrection MUST Become VERY PERSONAL - for US

& So - Mark 16:8 (NLT)

8 The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone (meaning anyone on the way) because they were too frightened . . .

Now – in order for us to see Mary Magdalene's HEART

We need to TURN over to JOHN Ch 20

John 20:2 (NLT)

2 She (Mary Magdalene) ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved (that's John). She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Mary Magdalene was in shock -

AS the other Disciples were about to be

Even Tho . . . Jesus HAD told them – Plainly
this is EXACTLY what was going to Happen

But notice - the 1st Disciple Mary finds – is Peter

Just 3 days ago - Peter had Bitterly Denied Christ – THREE TIMES

But Peter is there now – with John (the ‘other’ disciple)
& Mary Magdalene reports to them - FIRST

& so - John 20:3–4 say (NLT)

3 Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb.

4 They were both running, (& then notice this important, eternally significant fact) but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

The “Other Disciple’ is The Apostle John
the WRITER of this Gospel

isn’t it interesting that John makes a point here –
in the eternal word of God – that he outran Peter to the tomb

But the real question is . . . Why weren’t they already there?

Jesus had made it perfectly clear
He would rise on the 3rd day

BUT - their Faith had been SHAKEN by his DEATH
& they were most likely Hiding Somewhere

The GOOD NEWS is - The Disciples Faith
was about to be changed - forever

& so – Congratulations to John
For out-running Peter to the tomb

& then we read in - John 20:5 (NLT)

5 He (John, who arrived first) **stooped and looked in and SAW the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in.**

John was stunned

& he stopped at the entrance to Try to make sense of it

& He looked in the tomb

& he SAW the linen wrappings lying there

THIS GREEK WORD for "SAW" means "a cursory look" -
but he did not go in

John 20:6(a) (NLT)

6 Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside (blowing right past John) . . .

While John was contemplating at the door of the tomb

Peter came with a full-speed, head-first DIVE into the Tomb
like he was diving into Homeplate to win the big game

& then John 20:6(b)-7 (NLT)

6 . . . **He** (Peter) **also NOTICED the linen wrappings lying there,**
7 while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings.

THIS GREEK WORD for “**NOTICED**” - is a different Word
& it means - “**to look carefully – to look intently**”

Jesus had **left PROOF** of his **Resurrection**
& **Peter** was “**Looking Intently**” at it – (which is **GOOD** for Peter)

& John 20:8 says (NLT)

8 Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he SAW and BELIEVED

(again) - **Thank you John** – for **reminding** us
that you **Beat Peter** in that **epic foot race**

But Here - This **3RD WORD** for “**SAW**”

is the **Greek word** (Oida) – meaning - “**To perceive or discern**”

& - **AS** John “**Perceived & Discerned**” **what** he **SAW**
v.8 says - “**HE BELIEVED**”

& in these 3 **Greek words** for “**SAW**” – we **have** the **process**
that **many of us** take toward **salvation**

1st – we take a **cursory look** at the facts about **Jesus**

2nd – we take a **careful, intent look** at **Jesus** . . . & then

3rd – The Holy **Spirit** causes us to **Perceive, or Discern,**
that **Jesus** truly **IS** – **Exactly Who** He **says He is**

& **THEN** – **We Believe**

& So - FINALLY

Peter & John are Perceiving & Discerning

& John 20:9 says (NLT)

9 for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead.

But Now – it seems like they are

Really STARTING to GET IT - - (Perceiving/Discerning/Believing)

& So – in Response to Peter & John's

Incredible Revelation & their New-Found Understanding

John 20:10 says (NLT)

10 Then they went home.

Hold it - WHAT? . . . *I don't know*

I can't figure these guys out

But it seems like – Mary Magdalene May've gotten

BACK to the Tomb – just as Peter & John decided “*to go home*”

& so we read in - John 20:11(a) (NLT)

11 Mary was standing outside the tomb crying . . .

This is the word for the traditional “Death Wail”

This is a sobbing from the depths of a Broken Heart

Cont'g - John 20:11(b)-12 (NLT)

11 . . . and as she wept, she stooped and looked in.

12 She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying.

These angels were **there**

in **order** to get the **correct information** out

That JESUS IS ALIVE ! - - HE IS RISEN !

& **we** can **imagine** they must've **been** a **bit amused**
watching these people - **pop in** - & then **run away**

& so they ask Mary in - John 20:13(a) (NLT)

13 “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her . . .

It **seems** to **me** – like **they're saying**

“What is it about the Resurrection
that you are having a HARD TIME Understanding?”

Then - in John 20:13(b) Mary Answers (NLT)

*13 . . . “Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied,
“and I don't know where they have put him.”*

at this moment - the **angels** must've **just GRINNED**

or **maybe** they **Stood at ATTENTION**

because **NOW** - **they** were looking **PAST Mary** (behind her)

John 20:14 (NLT)

14 She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him.

**This (again) is the Greek word - "to perceive, or discern"
Mary **DID NOT Perceive or Discern** that this was Jesus**

**BUT – Let me STOP - & POINT OUT a few things here
That make the Resurrection – PERSONAL for Mary Magdalene**

**#1) The 1ST PERSON Jesus revealed Himself to
after the Resurrection**

Was maybe - the WORST SINNER of all of his Followers

Jesus didn't choose to reveal Himself first
to the MOST RELIGIOUS – Or the 1 who Sinned the LEAST

But instead – Jesus chose to REVEAL himself FIRST
to the one who NEEDED HIM MOST

Jesus Christ came

To SAVE the LOST – & The Worst of SINNERS

#2) Notice Mary's ALL-CONSUMING DESIRE to find Jesus;

This was PERSONAL - for Mary Magdalene

She NEEDED – to FIND Jesus

She – HAD to GET to Jesus

She was NO LONGER IMPRESSED

with the **angels talking** to her

& she **hardly notices** this new **person** behind her

She just wants to GET TO Jesus

& everything else is a BLUR

#3) Notice the 1st words of the Resurrected Lord

John 20:15(a) (NLT)

15 “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?” . . .

Jesus’ heart is moved by Mary’s weeping

& **in response** - **Jesus** asks her

“WHO are you looking for?”

NOT - WHAT are you looking for – But WHO !

& Jesus **still asks** the **broken hearted** today

“WHY are you weeping? - WHO are you seeking?”

But **listen** – **please**

When Jesus comes to you – in a **similar situation**

Don’t Mistake him for the **Gardner**

That’s what Mary did - John 20:15(b) (NLT)

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15 . . . She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

Notice Mary’s **INTENSE Determination** to **GET TO** Jesus
WHEREVER He’s At - & **WHATEVER** it Takes

THAT is what **I mean** by
“we’ve got to make the Resurrection - PERSONAL”

& finally – John 20:16 (NLT)

16 “Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew (Aramaic) for “Teacher” (Master)).

It is **ONLY** - when **Mary HEARD the Voice** of the **Lord**
that **She TURNED to Him**

In **that day** – **women** did **Not**
look Male **Strangers** in the **Eye**

& so **Mary** hadn’t **really looked** at Jesus –
Until he said her NAME

They each said only **One Word**
& **each “One-Word”** spoke **VOLUMES**

Jesus called **Mary** - by her **NAME**
& **she** called **Jesus** - by His **POSITION** in her life

& I pray it's the same for EACH One of US !!

On that day that WE see the Risen Lord

WILL HE - call us by our NAME
or will He say "*I never knew you*"

WILL WE - willingly call Him "MASTER"
or will we be forced to acknowledge Him as "*Lord of All*"

Jesus - was Mary's PERSONAL Lord

& At this point - Mary probably fell at Jesus' feet
& tried to throw her arms around Him – but He stopped her

John 20:17 (NLT)

17 "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

look at this Word – BROTHERS –
Go find my Brothers

This is the 1st time
Jesus refers to His disciples as "*My Brothers*"

Because it is - the *Victory of the Resurrection*

that makes us "Joint-Heirs" with Jesus Christ
& adopted Sons & Daughters of God

& so we read in - John 20:18 (NLT)

18 Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

Guys - **There** are **A DOZEN Critical Lessons**
We **can LEARN** from the **Resurrection**

But **I Believe**
the **MOST Important** lesson of all - **IS PERSONAL**

It's **the Lesson** we Learn – From **Mary Magdalene**

Mary Magdalene – Just **Wanted to SEE JESUS**

She had **ONE Goal** – **ONE Focus** – **ONE Purpose**
“Where can I find JESUS?”

The World Convinces us
to **SEEK OUT** the **things** – **In this World**

But - if we **Would Grasp** the **Eternal**,
Life Giving POWER of the **Resurrection**

We would **SEEK OUT** – Only **ONE THING**
“Where can I find JESUS?”

NOT - **Where** can I go to **Church?**
NOT - **HOW** can I be more **Religious?**

But – **WHERE can I Find** - **The RISEN LORD Jesus**

& WHEN we DO FIND HIM
the RESURRECTION WILL BECOME PERSONAL

Because - HIS Life – Will Become OUR Life

The Resurrection is the Most Profound Miracle - in ALL history

BUT it is of NO VALUE until we say with Mary
Where can I find Jesus – I will not rest until I see Jesus

Then – The RESURRECTION - Becomes PERSONAL

& the ETERNAL GIFT OF THE RESURRECTION
becomes PERSONAL

BUT – In order for that to Happen

Your FAITH in Jesus
MUST become PERSONAL - & REAL

& then One Day – Your Personal FAITH in Jesus

will allow you to SHED this Mortal BODY - & this Mortal LIFE

& BE RESURRECTED – JUST LIKE Jesus was
in a Real - New – Glorified – Eternal Body

To Spend Eternity in Glory - With Jesus - PERSONALLY

Let's Pray