

**GRACE... NO GREATER GIFT**  
MINI-SERIES ON THE GRACE OF GOD

PART 11

**“THERE IS GRACE...”**

**“When Your World is Broken Beyond Repair”**

**“From Heartache to Hope: A Journey Toward Joy in a World of Sorrow”**

*(John 20:1-18)*

**INTRODUCTION:**

**PREVIOUSLY—THREE UNEXPECTED STORIES OF GRACE ON THE WAY TO GOLGOTHA:**

**1. SIMON OF CYRENE. (LUKE 23:26)**

- *The Cross from the Perspective of One who was there by “accident.”*

**2. THE CENTURION. (LUKE 23:47)**

- *The Cross from the Perspective of One who was there by “assignment.”*

**3. THE CRIMINAL. (LUKE 23:32-42)**

- *The Cross from the Perspective of One who was there by “arraignment.”*

- **BUT ALL THREE WERE THERE BY DIVINE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**THIS MORNING—ANOTHER STORY OF GRACE ON THE WAY TO THE GARDEN:**

• **MARY MAGDALENE (JOHN 20:1-18)**

*Question: What brought Mary to the tomb early that morning?*

*It was her “\_\_\_\_\_.”*

**THE TEXT:**

**1A. MARY’S FIRST DISCOVERY, DIALOGUE AND CONCLUSION. (V. 1-10)**

*“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, **‘They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.’**”*

**2A. MARY’S SECOND DISCOVERY, DIALOGUE AND CONCLUSION. (V.11-13)**

*“But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. And they said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, **‘Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’**”*

### 3A. MARY'S THIRD FIRST DISCOVERY, DIALOGUE AND CONCLUSION. (V. 14-15)

*"When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 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.'"*

### 4A. MARY'S ULTIMATE DISCOVERY, DIALOGUE AND CONCLUSION. (V. 16-18)

*"Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' (which means, Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, "I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God."' Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and that He had said these things to her."*

### THE TRUTHS: THREE THINGS MARY WOULD TELL US ABOUT JESUS TODAY FROM HER JOURNEY TO THE TOMB AND HER ENCOUNTER WITH THE RISEN CHRIST.

1A. HE \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ WE \_\_\_\_\_.

2A. HE \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ WE \_\_\_\_\_.

1B. ...that come from our \_\_\_\_\_.

2B. ...that come from our \_\_\_\_\_.

3A. HE \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ WE \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ dramatically changed her \_\_\_\_\_. Now, she knew that Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ dramatically change her \_\_\_\_\_.

#### EVEN...

1. ...even when I am... \_\_\_\_\_.

2. ...even when I am... \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ...even when I am... \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,  
And saves those who are crushed in spirit."*

—Psalm 34:18