



The Gospel According to John – The Resurrected of Jesus.

BILLDUMPHY | Week of Sunday April 4th, 2021

TEXT // John 20:1-18 English Standard Version

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

- SERMON GUIDE** //
1. The Empty Tomb. (vv.1-10)
 2. The Conversation at the Empty Tomb. (vv.11-18)

Q: Why the resurrection is the best news the world has ever heard?

1. The Resurrection is True.
2. The Resurrection Came After an Apparent Defeat.
3. The Resurrection Proves the Essential Doctrines of Christianity.
4. The Resurrection Demands A Faith Response that Gives Life.

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Question 1 // Read **John 20:1-18**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // Bill spend significant time discussing the evidence for the resurrection. Since we were not there, in person, to see Jesus physically walking in the garden outside of the empty tomb - **what evidence convinced you of the resurrection of Christ? And to take that a step further: how do you explain this to someone who is an unbeliever?**

Question 3 // As followers of Christ, we need to be continually reminded of eternal things in order to calm the various fears that we face in this world. **How does the resurrection of Christ, the cornerstone of our faith, aid us in walking through life?**

Question 4 // Bill challenged us with four facts surrounding the fact the resurrection is the best news in the world. These truths being: the resurrection itself is true, it came after an apparent defeat, it proves the essential doctrine of Christianity, and it demands a faith response that gives life. Without the resurrection our faith would be lacking - we would have no assurance that God actually accomplished our salvation in the death of His Son. That is an essential christian doctrine. Naturally, this fact should give rise to faith in our lives that gives life. **Where are you seeing life take shape through the faith response in our own life due to the fact of the resurrection? Are you seeing life outside of your own personal faith? If you are not seeing it outside your own personal faith discuss ways we can be more attentive to the spiritual life of those who are lost and dying around us.**

Reflection & Prayer

Spend time in praying that God would grant us a passion to see those who are lost and dying around us come to know the saving faith of Christ crucified. Ask for opportunities to live in that truth and live out that truth for both the believers in our lives to be encouragers and for the unbelievers in our lives to see a picture of the reason God sent His Son to die for sins and raise victoriously from the grave.

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