

RESURRECTION SUNDAY 2026

The Good, the Bad, the Ugly

THE GOOD

John 20:1-18 Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

(2) Then 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." (3) Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.

(4) So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

(5) And he, **stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.**

(6) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and **went into the tomb;**

and he saw the linen cloths lying there, (7) and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. (8) **Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.**

(9) For as **yet they did not know the Scripture**, that He must rise again from the dead.

(10) Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

(11) **But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping**, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

(12) And **she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.**

(13) Then 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."

(14) Now, when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. (15) Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

(16) Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). (17) Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' " (18) **Mary**

Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.....

A) The sorrow, agony, and confusion where have you laid Him. I will take Him. Jesus appears to Mary.

God always takes special note of the hurt, the lost, the confused.

The BAD

Mark 16:1-8 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. (2) Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. (3) And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" (4) But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. (5) And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. (6) But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

(7) But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

(8) So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

A) The angels makes a point to mention Peter. Why? Peter had denied Jesus three times. Peter felt unworthy to be called a disciple.

I love you even though you have denied me.

THE UGLY

John 20:24-29 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. (25) The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "**Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.**"

(26) And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them.

Jesus came, the **doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"**

(27) Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." (28) And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."