

## **From Death to Life** *The Resurrection of Jesus*

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### **John 20:1-16 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” <sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. <sup>11</sup>Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup>They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup>At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

- **It’s okay to be a skeptic but you can’t stay there.** (*vs. 1-7, 11-13; Joshua 24:15; Isaiah 55:6*)  
*“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance.  
The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”* C.S. Lewis

### **Evidence of the Resurrection of Jesus:**

1. The stone was rolled away (*where were the guards?*)
2. A woman was first to find the empty tomb
3. Jesus’ followers were themselves surprised
4. The burial clothes were left behind
5. They gave their lives preaching that they saw the risen Jesus

*“Some have suffered and died for an idea  
but the followers of Jesus suffered and died for something they witnessed.”*

### **John 20:29**

What if the same Jesus who called Mary’s name is calling yours?