



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: October 4, 2020

Passage: John 20: 1-18

Theme: The Reality of the Empty Tomb

The reality of the empty tomb:

- The report of Mary and the women (1-2)
- The discovery of the two disciples (3-9)
- The elicited response of the disciples (10)

Truths that we can make from the empty tomb:

- 1) The empty tomb produces belief in those who are truly the children of God.
- 2) The empty tomb indicates a new creation has dawned.
- 3) The empty tomb demonstrates Jesus possesses the power and authority of God.

Mary's experience indicates the following concerning our sorrowful condition:

1. The resurrected Jesus made atonement to overcome grief with grace.
2. The resurrected Jesus made relationship with God possible again for fallen sinners.
3. The resurrected Jesus made his followers into the true family of God.

Main Idea: By his resurrection, Jesus overcomes grief by enabling a relationship that will never end.

Application Questions:

- Have you ever doubted whether Jesus ever really did rise from the dead? How does this passage provide you with hope?
- Given the uncertainty and sinfulness of our present world, what evidence exists that the new creation has come? How does this impact your life?
- Does grace truly overcome grief? Have you experienced the grace of Jesus' work of salvation overcoming your grief and despair?
- How can our lives display that we belong to the family of God? What does this mean for our local church?