

Graves into Gardens

STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION



The God of the Third Day

John 20:1-20 (Genesis 22:1-14; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

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Today we stand on HOLY GROUND.

Tucked inside the familiar story is a moment that changes everything about how you see JESUS, how you experience your PAIN, and how you view the FUTURE.

Day 1: Something DIES. Day 2: SILENCE. Day 3: God MOVES.

Mary meets the GARDENER.

In Genesis, Paradise becomes a GRAVEYARD, because the wages of sin is DEATH.

Jesus is laid in a garden tomb, and on the third day, the Gardener RISES.

The Gospel for FARMERS.

Jesus specializes in IMPOSSIBLE situations so that when life bursts forth, everyone knows that ONLY GOD could have done it.

Nothing that belongs to God stays DEAD.

For next Sunday, read John 20:21-31.