


Leave Your Troubles Behind 1: Jesus Buried Trouble

Easter Online Service Outline and Notes

April 11–12, 2020

"¹ 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. ² 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!" — John 20:1–2

 Easter: Jesus, the missing piece


I. The Gap — *His ways are higher*

John 20:8-10 (NIV) ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

 Seeing is believing.....Sometimes

John 20:13–14 (NIV) ¹³ They (the two angels) 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." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

 Seeing but not understanding

II. Jesus Left Clues

John 16:33 (NIV) ³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble.** But take heart! I have overcome the world."

 Don't let the troubles here keep you from seeing Jesus

III. Jesus Understands Trouble

John 20:21–22 (NIV) ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

 Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and following Jesus

Genesis 2:7 (NIV) ⁷ Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Living in the **GAP**

- 1) **G**ood News — God loves you
- 2) **A**pplication — Receive new life in Jesus' name
- 3) **P**urpose — Love God and Love Your Neighbor

John 20:29 (NIV) ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

 Next Weekend — "Breaking Free of Troubles"

- **Watch our New TV Program "Growing Closer to God" on NBC 4 Sundays at 12 Noon**

This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

- Sat Rest Sun Mark 5:21-43; Ruth 1-4 Mon Mark 6:1-13; 1 Sam 1-3
 Tue Mark 6:14-29; 1 Sam 4-8 Wed Mark 6:30-44; 1 Sam 9-12
 Thur Mark 6:45-56; 1 Sam 13-14 Fri Mark 7:1-23; 1 Sam 15-17 Sat Rest