



Will You Miss Easter?
(Philippians 3:10; John Chapter 20)

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God's plan to reach the lost is not for them to come to church to get saved, but for the Church to go to them! (Matthew 28:18-20)

**If the devil had the opportunity to remove one
thing from the Scripture it would be the
Resurrection of Jesus!**

¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

There is more to the Christian life than just getting saved! God has a mission for you!

The word “know” means to know something by experience. It’s more than just knowing causally, but personally!

Apply the Resurrection of Jesus

1. To the hopelessness you feel! (John 20:11-13)

- Mary Magdalene had lost hope (vs. 12)**
- Mary Magdalene had lost focus (vs. 13-15)**

What changed Mary's perspective?

“She saw the Lord.” (vs. 16-18)

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2. To the Failures and Fears you face (vs. 19a)

- Disciples had failed Jesus (Mark 14:50)**
- Disciples were fearful of the Jews (vs. 19)**

**Don't miss the reality of the resurrection
concerning your failures and fears.
(John 20:19-21)**

**Peace is not the absence of problems,
but the awareness of the presence of Jesus.**

³³These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

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3. To the doubts holding you back (vs. 24-31)

- Thomas didn't believe (vs. 25)**
- Thomas confessed, "My Lord and my God" (vs. 28)**

²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.

**Suffering is a normal part of the Christian life.
Suffering brings us into deeper fellowship with
Christ (Ps. 34:19)**

²⁶After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then He *said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not

be unbelieving, but believing.”²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus *said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

Are you struggling with doubts? If so,

- 1. Receive the witness of other Believers.**
- 2. Believe the Words of Jesus!**

Sermon in a Sentence:

**Know Christ and the power of His Resurrection
and the fellowship of His Sufferings!**

Application:

- 1. Have you been living without knowing Christ and the power of His resurrection? In what ways do you need to grow in knowing Christ?**
- 2. In what ways are you doubting the Lord? Don't doubt alone; confide in another believer to share your struggles.**
- 3. Faith@Home: Talk about the fellowship of His sufferings and how you've experienced a deeper intimacy with Christ as a result. Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 1:3-11.**

