

# DISCIPLESHIP HANDOUT

## THE POWER OF A SEEKING SPIRIT — MARY'S CHRISTOPHANY John 20:1–18

### Main Thesis

Mary Magdalene's persistence in seeking Jesus positioned her for a divine encounter (Christophany) and an apostolic commissioning. Seekers see what casual observers miss.

### Key Points

#### 1. Mary Came Early — Seeking in the Dark

- John 20:1
- She sought Jesus even when circumstances were unclear.
- Darkness did not stop her devotion.

#### 2. The Disciples Looked and Left — But Mary Stayed

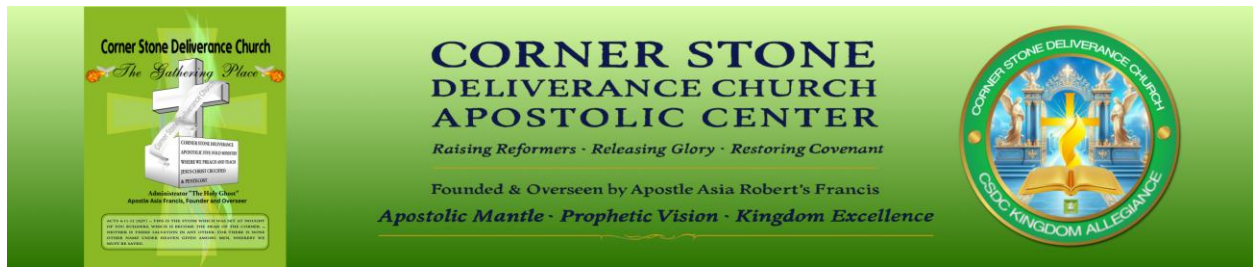
- John 20:2–10
- Peter and John confirmed the empty tomb but did not linger.
- Mary remained in the place of unanswered questions.

#### 3. Heaven Responds to Seekers

- John 20:11–13
- Two angels appeared, yet Mary kept seeking Jesus Himself.

#### 4. Mary's Christophany — Jesus Appears to Seekers

- John 20:14–16
- Jesus calls her by name.
- Revelation comes to those who remain.



## 5. Mary's Commissioning — The First Messenger

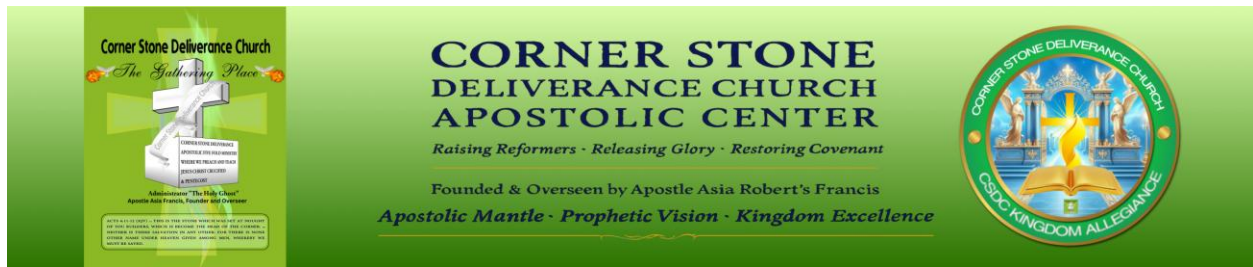
- John 20:17–18
- Jesus sends her with a message to the disciples.
- Persistence leads to purpose.

## Application for Today

- Seek Jesus beyond convenience.
- Stay in His presence when others walk away.
- Expect divine revelation.
- Your encounter carries your assignment.

## Affirmation

**“I am a seeker. I remain. I press. I encounter. I am commissioned.”**



## 7-DAY DEVOTIONAL: “SEEKERS SEE”

Each day includes: Scripture • Reflection • Prayer • Activation

### DAY 1 — Seekers Move in the Dark

**Scripture:** John 20:1 **Reflection:** Mary sought Jesus before clarity came. Seekers don’t wait for perfect conditions. **Prayer:** “Lord, give me a heart that seeks You early.” **Activation:** Spend 10 minutes in early-morning quiet before anything else.

### DAY 2 — Stay When Others Leave

**Scripture:** John 20:10–11 **Reflection:** Many visit Jesus; few remain. **Prayer:** “Father, anchor me in Your presence.” **Activation:** Extend your prayer time by 5 extra minutes today.

### DAY 3 — Tears Are Not a Sign of Weakness

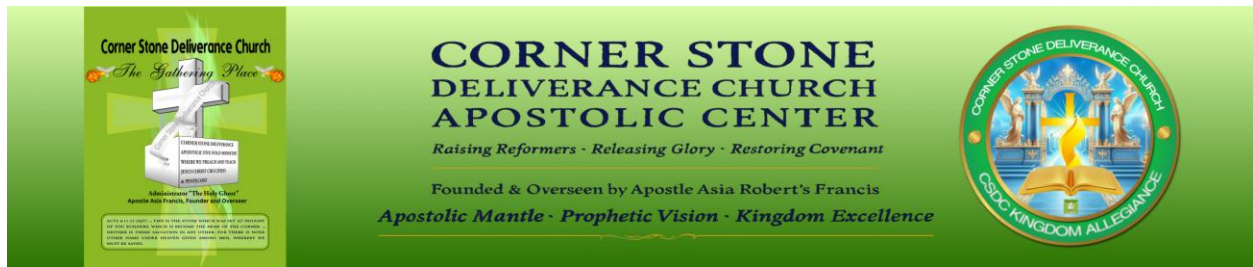
**Scripture:** John 20:11 **Reflection:** Mary’s tears were part of her pursuit. God meets us in honest seeking. **Prayer:** “Heal me as I seek You.” **Activation:** Journal one area where you need God’s presence.

### DAY 4 — Heaven Responds to Seekers

**Scripture:** John 20:12–13 **Reflection:** Angelic activity surrounded Mary’s persistence. Heaven moves toward hunger. **Prayer:** “Lord, open my eyes to Your activity.” **Activation:** Write down three ways God has shown up for you recently.

### DAY 5 — Jesus Calls You by Name

**Scripture:** John 20:14–16 **Reflection:** Revelation becomes personal when we stay long enough to hear Him. **Prayer:** “Speak to me, Jesus.” **Activation:** Sit in silence for 3 minutes and listen.

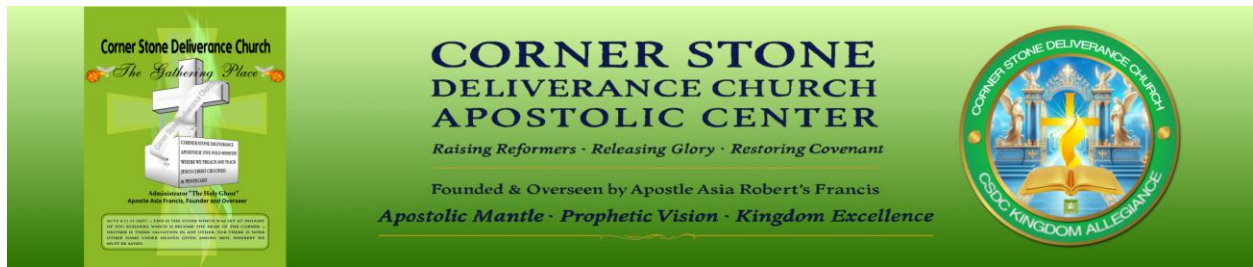


## DAY 6 — Encounter Unlocks Assignment

**Scripture:** John 20:17 **Reflection:** Mary's encounter birthed her commissioning. **Prayer:** "Reveal my assignment in this season." **Activation:** Ask God who He is sending you to this week.

## DAY 7 — Go and Tell

**Scripture:** John 20:18 **Reflection:** Seekers become messengers. **Prayer:** "Give me boldness to share what You've shown me." **Activation:** Share one testimony or encouragement with someone today.

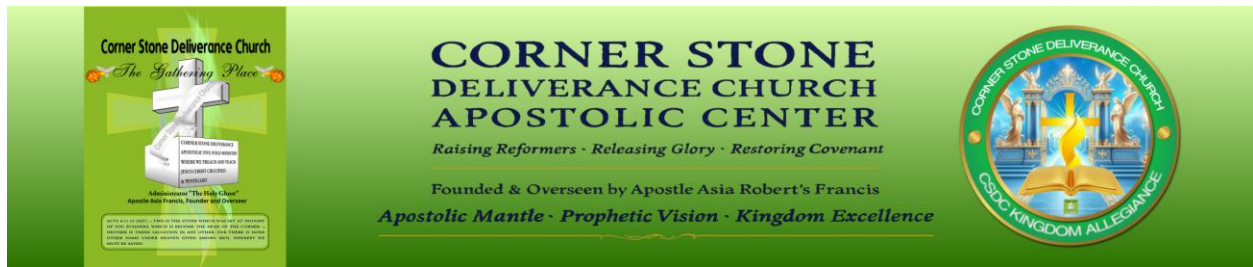


# TEST / DISCIPLESHIP QUIZ

## “THE POWER OF A SEEKING SPIRIT”

### Section 1 — Multiple Choice

1. Why did Mary come to the tomb early?
  - a) To decorate it
  - b) To seek Jesus
  - c) To meet the disciples
  - d) To escape danger
2. What did Peter and John do after seeing the empty tomb?
  - a) Stayed and prayed
  - b) Looked and left
  - c) Called the guards
  - d) Hid in fear
3. What is a Christophany?
  - a) A type of angel
  - b) A divine manifestation of Christ
  - c) A prophetic dream
  - d) A worship song



4. Who was the first person Jesus commissioned after His resurrection?
  - a) Peter
  - b) John
  - c) Mary Magdalene
  - d) Thomas
5. What unlocks divine assignment?
  - a) Talent
  - b) Position
  - c) Encounter
  - d) Popularity

## Section 2 — Short Answer

6. Why is Mary's persistence important for believers today?

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7. What does it mean to "stay when others leave"?

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8. How does seeking Jesus position us for revelation?

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9. What message did Jesus give Mary to deliver?

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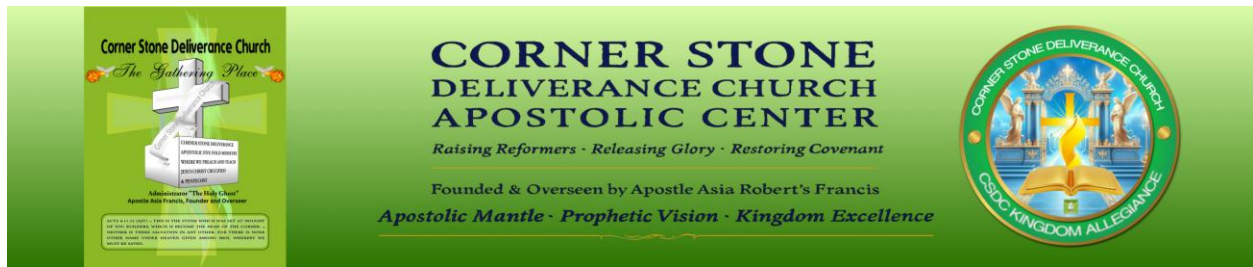
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10. Describe one way you can seek Jesus more intentionally this week.

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### Section 3 — Reflection

11. Write a brief paragraph on how Mary's example challenges your personal walk with Christ.

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12. What assignment do you sense God awakening in you as you seek Him?

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