

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

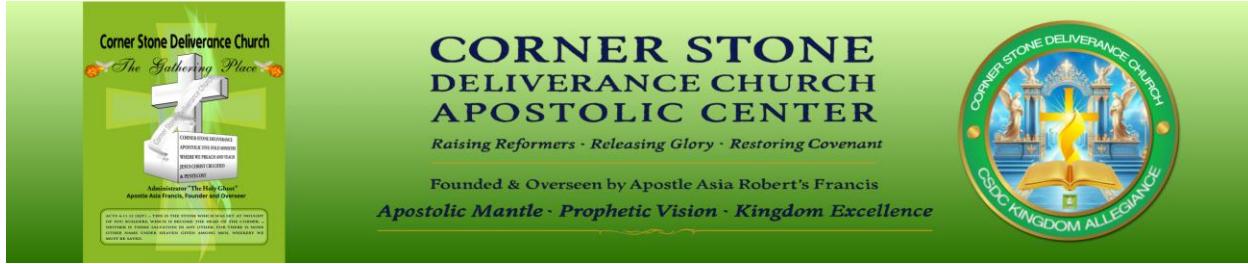
- John 20:2–10
- Peter and John confirmed the empty tomb but did not linger.
- Mary remained in the place of unanswered questions.

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

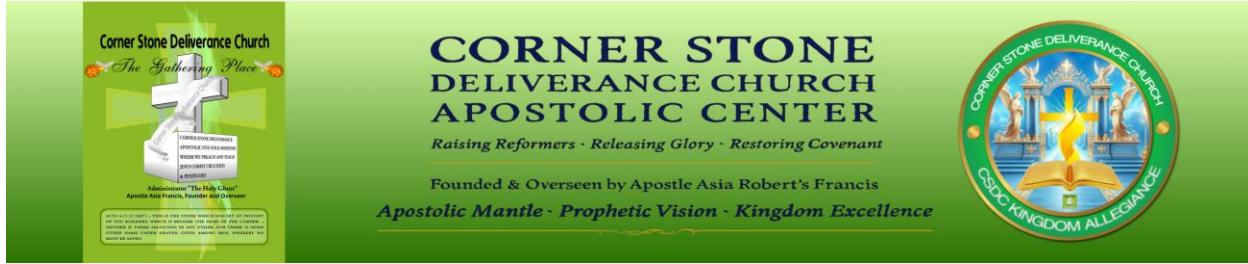
- John 20:17–18
- Jesus sends her with a message to the disciples.
- Persistence leads to purpose.

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

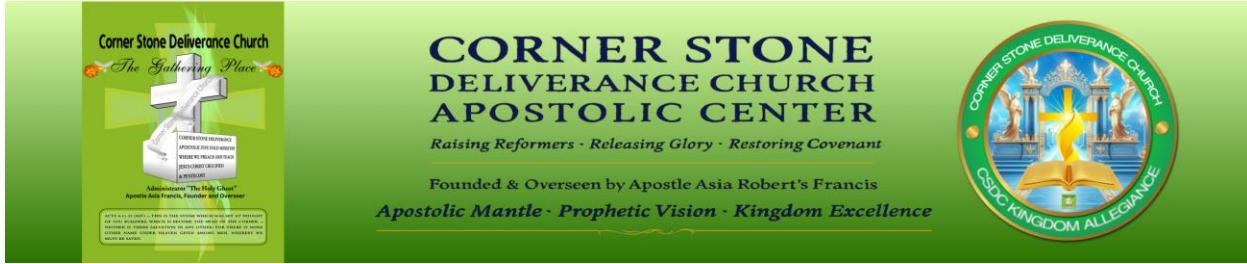
Scripture: John 20:11 **Reflection:** Mary’s tears were part of her pursuit. God meets us in honest seeking. **Prayer:** “Heal me as I seek You.” **Activation:** Journal one area where you need God’s presence.

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.

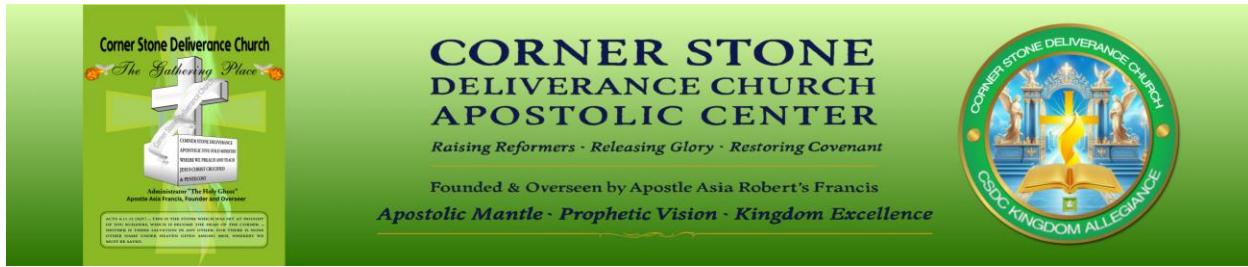


DAY 6 — Encounter Unlocks Assignment

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.



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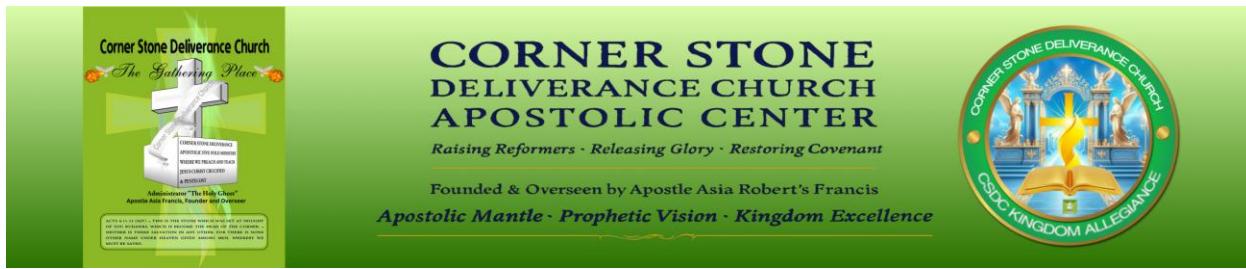
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Section 1 — Multiple Choice

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

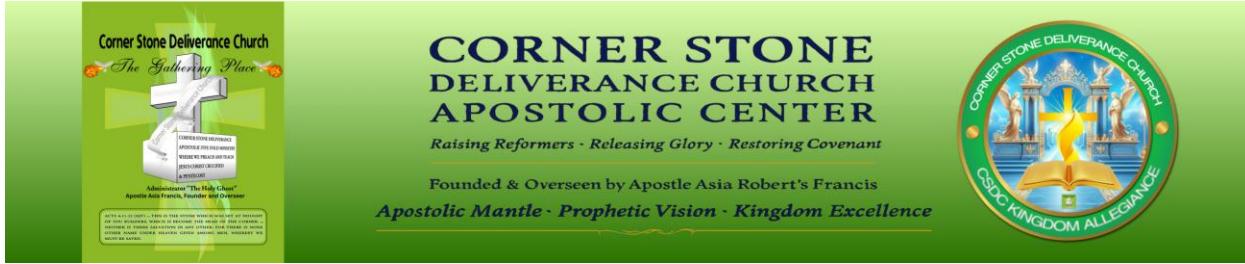
Section 2 — Short Answer

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

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

8. How does seeking Jesus position us for revelation?

9. What message did Jesus give Mary to deliver?



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

Section 3 — Reflection

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

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