

The Spirit of Resurrection Power & Life

John 20:1-4 TPT *“Very early Sunday morning, before sunrise, Mary Magdalene made her way to the tomb. And when she arrived she discovered that the stone that sealed the entrance to the tomb was moved away! 2. So she went running as fast as she could to go tell Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved (obviously this was John the apostle who authored this Gospel). She told them, “They’ve taken the Lord’s body from the tomb, and we don’t know where He is.” 3. Then Peter and the other disciple jumped up and ran to the tomb to go see for themselves. 4. They started out together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **TPT note:** “How did John outrun Peter to the tomb? Love will always “outrun” curiosity. Some are simply curious to know Jesus, but we must be those who are passionate to experience His love and power.” 5. He didn’t enter the tomb, but peeked in, and saw only the linen cloths lying there. 6. Then Peter came behind him and went right into the tomb. He too noticed the linen cloths lying there, 7. but the burial cloth that had been on Jesus’ head had been rolled up and placed separate from the other cloths. 8. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first went in, and after one look, **he believed!** **TPT note:** “It was lovers of Jesus that were the first to realize the resurrection of Christ. What did John see that caused him to believe? Perhaps it was the linen burial cloths that had not been unwrapped, but simply were empty. And the cloth that had been wrapped around His head was rolled up and placed aside. Jesus left everything pertaining to the old creation in the tomb, signified by the linen cloths and handkerchief left behind.” 9. For until then they hadn’t understood the Scriptures that prophesied that He was destined to rise from the dead. 10. Puzzled, Peter and the other disciple then left and went back to their homes.*

11. *Mary arrived back at the tomb, broken and sobbing. She stooped to peer inside, and through her tears* **12.** *she saw two angels in dazzling white robes, sitting where Jesus' body had been laid – one at the head and one at the feet!"* **TPT note:** "This becomes a picture of the two golden cherubim engraved on the mercy seat, peering down into the treasures of grace. The empty tomb has become our "mercy seat."

13. *"Dear woman, why are you crying?" they asked. Mary answered, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've laid Him."* **14.** *Then she turned around to leave, and there was Jesus standing in front of her, but she didn't realize that it was Him!* **15.** *He said to her, "Dear woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Mary answered, thinking He was only the gardener, "Sir, if you have taken His body somewhere else, tell me, and I will go and ..."* **16.** *"Mary," Jesus interrupted her. Turning to face Him, she said, "Rabboni!" (Aramaic for "My Teacher!")* **17.** *Jesus cautioned her, "Mary, don't cling to Me, for I haven't yet ascended to God, My Father." In part, Jesus was informing Mary that she shouldn't cling to Jesus the way she once knew Him, but that she should cling to Him in His soon-coming ascended glory. It's not the memory of the historical Christ that we cling to, but we cling to the glory of His majesty today. "And He's not only My Father and God, but now He's your Father and your God! Now go to My brothers* and tell them what I've told you, that I am ascending to My Father – and your Father, to My God – and your God!" *Jesus called His disciples "**brothers**" for the first time in John's Gospel. **Heb. 2:10-12 TPT:** "For now He towers above all creation, for all things exist through Him and for Him. And that God made Him, pioneer of our **salvation**, perfect through His sufferings, for this is how He brings many sons and daughters to share in His glory ("As God's Son, Jesus is the older brother of all of God's children. Jesus is the first human being who wasn't a slave to the fear of death. He wasn't a slave to the devil's power.*

He lived free from the power of sin. This is what salvation means. Since He has gone through them first, He can lead others through them.”). **11.** *“Jesus, the Holy One, makes us holy. And as sons and daughters, we now belong to His same Father, so He is not ashamed or embarrassed to introduce us as His brothers and sisters!* **12.** *For He has said, “I will reveal Who You really are to My brothers and sisters, & I will glorify you with praises in the midst of the congregation.”* **In His Image we are now!**

Mary Obeys Jesus’ Command – “Go and Tell”

18. *Then Mary Magdalene left to inform the disciples of her encounter with Jesus. “I have seen the Lord!” she told them. And she gave them His message.”*

Receive the Lord’s Resurrection Love - Love Never Failing

In Christ Jesus, when we are born again from above, we receive a Spirit of love like no other. **I call that Resurrection love.** It is love that makes us one with Christ by His Spirit because of Father’s full acceptance of us! It comes from the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. It is imparted, not earned!

Celebrate & Receive the Release of God’s Mighty Power

You and I are so deeply loved by God that it requires what Apostle Paul calls *“the riches of the Spirit of wisdom & the Spirit of revelation to know Him through your **deepening** intimacy with Him” (Eph. 1:17 TPT; GO DEEPER!)*. Paul goes on in vv. **18-19** to pray, *“I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you **experience** the full revelation of the hope of His calling – that is, the wealth of God’s glorious inheritances that He finds in us, His holy ones!***19.** **I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God’s power made available to you through faith.** Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! **This is the mighty power 20. that was released when God raised Christ from the**

dead & exalted Him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm! We now have resurrection power & life!

Full Acceptance brings the Spirit of Resurrection Power & Life

Rom. 8:10-11 TPT says, “*Now Christ lives His life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, His life-giving Spirit imparts life to you **because you are fully accepted by God.*** **11.** Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since **God’s Spirit of Resurrection lives in you**, He will also raise your dying body to life by **the same Spirit that breathes life into you!**” **Eph. 5:18** “*Be continuously being filled with the Holy Spirit.*” **Let His Sacred Breath fill your needy soul right now!** **This Resurrection love restores our souls & should inspire us to serve & obey the Lord wholeheartedly!**

Live in the Light & Be Joyfully Grateful for Free Inheritance! **Col. 1:12-14** TPT “Your hearts can soar with *joyful gratitude when you think of how God made you worthy to receive the glorious inheritance freely given to us by living in the light.* **13.** He has rescued (NKJV “delivered”) us completely from the tyrannical rule of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom realm of His beloved Son. For in the Son **all our sins are canceled** and we have **the release of redemption through His very blood.**” **SFLB** note: “**Delivered us from the power of darkness**” conveys the idea of salvation rescuing us from the tyranny of darkness. Drawing on an important OT theme, it includes rescue from such negatives as danger, death, sickness, and hostile situations in general. These rescues include both present deliverances and future, consummated deliverances in the world to come. **Conveyed (NKJV)** [or **translated (TPT)**] refers to the deportation or transference of captured armies or popula-tions

from one country to another.” **We’ve been transported from a kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of the Son of Father God’s love! How truly blessed & free we really are!!**

“The Blessing of the Father”

Charles H. Spurgeon, the highly esteemed, British “Prince of Preachers” of the 1800’s, had this to say about “The Inflowing and Outflowing of the Holy Spirit”: “Beloved brethren, notwithstanding all that the Spirit of God has already done in us, it is very possible that we have missed a large part of the blessing which He is willing to give, for He is able to *“do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think (Eph. 3:20).”* We have already come to Jesus, & we have drunk of the life-giving stream: our thirst is quenched, and we are made to live in Him. Is this all? Now that we are living in Him, and rejoicing to do so, have we come to the end of the matter? Assuredly not. We have reached as far as that first exhortation of the Master, *“If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink”(John 7:37 KJV)*: but do you think that the generality of the church of God have ever advanced to the next, *“He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, “out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:38)?”* I think I am not going beyond the grievous truth if I say that only here and there will you find men and women who have believed up to that point. Their thirst is quenched, as I have said, and they live, and because Jesus lives, they shall live also; but health and vigor they have not – they have life, but they have not life more abundantly (John 10:10). They have little life with which to act upon others: they have no energy welling up and overflowing to go streaming out of them like rivers. They have not thought it possible, perhaps, or thinking it possible they have not imagined it possible to themselves; or believing it possible to themselves, they have not aspired to it, but they have stopped short of the fullest blessing. Their wading in to the river has contented them, and they know nothing of *“waters to swim in”* (Ezek. 47:5; [in v. 2 *“water was*

trickling from the south side” as it is now on this campus!]). Like the Israelites of old, they are slow to possess all the land of promise, but sit down when the war has hardly begun. Brothers, let us go in to get all that God will give us: let us set our heart upon this that we mean to have by God’s help all that the infinite goodness of God is ready to bestow. Let us not be satisfied with the sip that saves, but let us go on to the baptism which buries the flesh and raises us in the likeness of the risen Lord: even that baptism into the Holy Ghost and into fire which makes us spiritual and sets us all on flame with zeal for the glory of God and eagerness for usefulness by which that glory may be increased among the sons of men.... The work of the Spirit is intimately connected with the work of Christ.”