

RIDE OR DIE

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Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed—for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

John 20:1-10 (NLT)

*I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death. **Philippians 3:10 (NLT)***

*And if Christ has not been raised, then all our **preaching is useless**, and your **faith is useless**. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are **still guilty of your sins**. **1 Cor 15:14, 17 (NLT)***

Paul wants us to know three things...

1. You can know the **PERSON of Jesus!**

*I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death. **Philippians 3:10 (NLT)***

2. You can experience the **POWER of Jesus!**

*I want to know Christ and **experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead**. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death. **Philippians 3:10 (NLT)***

3. You can share in the **PAIN of Jesus!**

*I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to **suffer with him, sharing in his death**. **Philippians 3:10 (NLT)***

God Often Uses Pain To Prepare Us For Success