

- *1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. How is your faith on Saturdays. John 19:1-9*

☑ What has happened following crucifixion...

- Pharisees threatened Pilate to put a stone and guard the tomb.
- **Religion is always putting something between you and Jesus**
- **Disciples in hiding- PEOPLE ARE SCARED OF PEOPLE**
- ☑ **I wouldn't have doubted. Really?...**
- Pain has a way of wiping your memories. *Never been happy. Never been well.*
- ☑ **Testimony of Mary, back at the tomb....**
- **There comes a point in your life where someone else's testimony just isn't enough.**
- **Sometimes your greatest miracles will happen in your most painful places.**
- ☑ **John got there first but Simon Peter ran in.**
- **It takes courage to see, say, to do, to go, to try, to live**
- *Notice the guy who was always close stood back.*
 - It was the one who failed the most that ran in. Radical.
- **Forgiven much love MUCH!!!**
- ☑ **Grave Clothes**

- ***Come and see- What?*** Grave clothes. Bloodied dirty rags of a painful moment.
- Some clothes define where you are!!!
 - Hospital Gown
 - Bride
 - Prison
 - Grave
- **The last ones you only wear when you're DEAD!**
- Remnants are what you wrap a promise in that has died.
 - Trapped within its fibers are the stains of suffering and pain.
- Remnants are reminders- Reminders of a painful season. A time of loss. A time of defeat. **A time when God failed.**
- ☑ **John Saw- He saw and believed.**
- **It was what he didn't see that caused him to believe!!!**
- If you're not careful you'll see what's there and miss what's not. What's visible is subject to change!!
- ***I know what you can see... Take about 15 sec. and praise God for what you can't see!!!***

- God did something SO BIG they didn't believe it when it happened.
- **Don't be surprised if it takes your mind a second to catch up with your miracle.**
- *They remembered. The women remembered. Disciples...*
- **God staged it to remind you of something He already told you.**
- **If the cross is where I get saved then the tomb is where I get set free!!**
- Doubt walked in with them but it didn't walk out!
- You're holding onto what was.
- ☑ **Why do you look for living... He moved!**
 - They didn't stay in there. They ran back out. Don't hang around the places Jesus used to be!
- *Whats it going to take for you to move on?*
- **If He got out so can I.**
- ☑ **They went in. But they came back out. Somebody watched you go into a tomb. Tell them- TO BE CONTINUED!**
- But I can't get out. They moved a stone in front of me.

- **They thought they locked you in. They didn't realize they they locked the Spirit of God in with you!**
- ***Could God take your tragedy and turn it into a symbol of triumph?***
- Jesus wasn't wearing the grave clothes any longer.
- **If you're not careful the enemy will let you walk out of your tomb still wearing your grave clothes- the tragedy.**
- *Can you walk out of the tomb and leave behind what used to have you all wrapped up?*
- ***The Dare- Story of the teenage girl who was dared to stick a knife in the ground of a supposed witches grave. There was no witch. She stuck HERSELF!!! She got stuck by her clothes....***
- She got stuck in the graveyard!!!
- **Get out of the Graveyard!!!**
- Get out of the Graveyard of the failed marriage
- Get out of the Graveyard of the business that failed
- Get out of the Graveyard of the job that was lost
- Get out of the Graveyard of the health that was lost
- There's a devil wanting to trap you by your grave clothes.

- If all you've got is grave clothes, then it's a sign some has been resurrected!
- God is saying what you thought would be the end, what you thought was over... God says to be continued!
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