

## applying God's Word to life

## Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won April 12, 2020

## John 20:11-18

- <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes, <sup>11</sup> but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.
- 1. What did you miss most on this "different" Easter morning?
- 2. What parallels do you see between your feelings today and Mary's feelings early on the first Easter morning?

- 3. What is the logical answer to the angel's question, "Woman, why are you crying?"
- 4. What is ironic about Jesus' question, "Who is it you are looking for?"
- 5. What changed Mary's attitude (i.e. opened her eyes)?
- 6. How has Jesus done the same thing for you?
- 7. What impact does Christ's state of exaltation have on his promise, "I will be with you always" (Matthew 28:20)?
- 8. God raised Jesus from the grave. List at least three things that Jesus' resurrection means for your life using the following passages:

He was delivered over to death for our sins for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (Romans 4:25)

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." (John 2:19)

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:20)