

## **“I Have Seen the Lord!”**

### **John 20:1-18**

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When Jesus was crucified his followers were in deep despair, especially Mary Magdalene. She was a woman with a shady past, but was a devoted disciple of Jesus. After he rose from the dead the first person that he appeared to was Mary. Why not Peter, or John, or one of the other disciples? In this morning’s teaching, the focus is primarily on Mary’s journey of believing that Jesus rose from the dead and how that transformed her life and how it can transform yours.

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#### **#1. MARY MAGDALENE - UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL**

- A. Mary was an early disciple of Christ
- B. Mary had 7 demons cast out of her, (Mk 16:9)
- C. Mary traveled with Jesus, (Luke 8:1-3)
- D. Mary helped support Jesus, (Luke 8:1-3)
- E. Mary’s name is first on many lists
- F. Mary was at the cross, (John 19:25)
- G. Mary was the first to see Jesus risen, (John 20:16)
- H. Mary was commissioned as the first evangelist, (John 20:17)

#### **#2. BELIEVING IN JESUS’ RESURRECTION REQUIRES EXAMINING**

##### **THE \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 1-9**

- A. She tells Peter & John the body is gone, v. 2
- B. Peter & John sprint to the tomb, vv. 2-3
- C. They evaluated the evidence:
  - 1. The strips of linen, vv. 6-7
  - 2. The burial cloth is separate from the linen, v. 7
  - 3. The burial cloth is folded neatly by itself, v. 7
  - 4. There were elite Roman guards at the tomb, v. 7
  - 5. The tomb was sealed, (Mat 27:63-66)

#### **THE CONCLUSIONS OF MARY, PETER, AND JOHN**

- ♣ Mary thought grave robbers stole the body, v. 2,
- ♣ Peter didn’t get it, (Luke 24:12)
- ♣ John came to faith: “He saw and believed”, v. 8

#### **#3. BELIEVING IN JESUS’ RESURRECTION REQUIRES EXAMINING THE \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 9-16**

- A. Mary & the others didn’t understand the Scriptures, v. 9
- B. Mary is emotionally crushed, vv. 10-11
- C. Mary thought the angels were men, vv. 12-13
- D. Mary thought the body was stolen, v. 13
- E. Mary thought Jesus was the gardener, vv. 14-15
- F. Mary never thought of Jesus’ resurrection, v. 15
- G. Mary recognized His voice & believes, v. 16, (Jn 10:3-4)

#### **#4. BELIEVING IN JESUS’ RESURRECTION RESULTS IN A NEW TYPE OF \_\_\_\_\_ WITH HIM, vv. 17-18**

- A. Mary fell at Jesus’ feet & grabbed Him, v. 17
- B. Jesus told her not to hold onto me, v. 17
- C. Jesus hadn’t ascended to the Father, v. 17
- D. Jesus would send the Spirit, (John 16:7)
- E. Jesus commissioned her, v. 17
- F. Jesus defined the new relationship, v. 17

#### **#5. BELIEVING IN JESUS’ RESURRECTION SHOULD RESULT IN BOLDLY \_\_\_\_\_ THE GOSPEL, v. 18**

- A. Mary is commissioned as the 1<sup>st</sup> evangelist
- B. Mary is an unlikely witness for 1<sup>st</sup> C. culture

<b>ANSWERS:</b> Evidence, Scripture, Relationship, Declaring.
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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. In looking at Mary's personal profile what things stand out about her? (Point #1 on the outline)
- #2. Discuss the evidence that Peter and John saw as they entered the tomb.
- #3. There were elite Roman soldiers guarding the tomb. Why does this make it unlikely that grave robbers broke into the tomb and took the body?
- #4. Discuss the conclusions of Peter, Mary and John about the empty tomb.
- #5. Why is it important to grasp what the Scriptures say about the resurrection?
- #6. Describe Mary's emotional state and why she was in such turmoil? (Point #3 on the outline)
- #7. What did Jesus mean in v. 17?
- #8. Describe the transition the disciples had to go through in their new relationship with Jesus in the following steps: a man, a resurrected man, the post-resurrection appearances, the ascension, the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost.
- #9. Why do you think Jesus appeared first to Mary?
- #10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

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# *Welcome*

*to*

# *Hillcrest Church*

## *Happy Easter!*

*Mary Magdalene went to the disciples  
with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"*

*John 20:18*

*April 17, 2022*  
*Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!

We hope today's service will be a meaningful experience for you. Activities available for the kids. Stay for the potluck after the service and enjoy good food and fellowship.

### JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

### CHURCH IN THE PARK JUNE 5th

### CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>

### EAST INDIAN DINNER - APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30

The annual dinner is our fund-raising event for missions. We raise money for pastor Charles in Uganda and the Great Commission Fund, which supports missionaries in the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

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### MISSIONS GIVING 2021

Total - \$18,234

### East Indian Dinner 2021

**\$8,244**

\$4,122 - Uganda School

\$4,122 - Great Commission Fund

### Total Giving

\$5,522 – Uganda School

\$12,712 – Great Commission Fund

### Total

**\$18,234**

### What is our goal for 2022?



The above picture of the nursery was sent by Pastor Charles in Uganda. The money we raised in 2021 was used to finish this building. It is important to know how the money we raise is utilized. We continue to pray for pastor Charles and his ministry. He has expressed his gratitude to the Hillcrest family for our generous support of his Kingdom work. Please be praying about what the Lord would lay on your heart to give.