



Warm-Up Question:

Share some of your favorite parts of and traditions around Holy Week and Easter.

READ: John 20:11-18

I. WHY ARE YOU WEeping?

- ▶ Mary, who once had seven demons yet was redeemed by Jesus, was asked this question above by the angel & Jesus. What reason did she have to weep?
- ▶ What brokenness do you see in the world that give reason to weep? What are some personal areas of brokenness that give you reason to weep?
- ▶ Do you feel God gives you permission to weep? Are you more on the side of living with sadness or never letting yourself grieve? What do you do you think God wants you to do with areas that should cause you to weep?

II. WHOM ARE YOU SEEKING?

- ▶ Read through the verses in the sidebar. What passage impacts you the most? What is most interesting, beautiful or amazing to you about his resurrection?
- ▶ Think about Mary's relationship with Jesus and read VS. 16. What do you think it was about how Jesus said her name that made her recognize him?
- ▶ In what ways was Mary actually right about Jesus being a "gardener" (cultivating, planting, & making new things grow in our lives)? Is there anything in your life seemingly "dead" where you'd like to see Jesus bring new life to it?

III. A NEW WAY OF RELATING TO...

- ▶ **JESUS:** Read VS 17 & John 16:7. Why was it better for Mary for Jesus to go?
- ▶ **GOD:** From VS 17 & Galatians 4:4-7, how did Jesus usher in a new way of relating to God? What difference does that make?
- ▶ **OTHERS:** What did Mary do after seeing the risen Jesus? What motivated her to do that, and what are ways we can go and do likewise?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

...and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,
- Luke 24:46

And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." - Luke 18:33

...for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. - John 20:9

And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.
- Mark 16:6

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
- 1Cor. 15:17

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 1Cor. 15:20-22

EASTER: HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

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