Jesus and Mary
John 20:11-18
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The Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant. Exodus 25:17-20.

What happened on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement? Leviticus 16:11-17; 29-34.

Why did Mary see angels where Jesus' head and feet had lain?

Why Are You Weeping?

Why do we weep? (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:4)

How will all tears and crying cease?

What did the empty tomb mean to Mary?

Mary wept because she did not yet understand the empty tomb.

Seeking Jesus Early (John 20:1)

Proverbs 8:17 **-** I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.(KJV)

Finding Jesus was the answer to her tearful questions.

Have you ever thought, "Things would be better if Jesus were here"?

The Gardener returns to reclaim His garden paradise.

Why did she not recognize Jesus? vv. 14-16

Called by Jesus

Jesus, the risen Lord, speaks to Mary.

"Why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" v. 15

Did Mary hug Jesus? Was Mary clinging to the past? How?

Why did Jesus tell her to stop clinging to Him?

Go Tell My Brothers

Jesus sends Mary to announce His resurrection – the traditional "apostle to the apostles."

The message: "Go to My brothers" v. 17.

My Father and your Father. Through faith in Christ, we are God's children!

"I Have Seen the Lord" v. 18

Meditation

Romans 6:4 - We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Our union with Christ, by faith in His resurrection, provides us the source, the energy, the power, the grace to live the Christian life right now. It is one of the great distinctive aspects of the New Testament teaching about the Christian life that we do not do it in our own strength; that we do it in the power of the grace of the living God. Where do you get that from? From your union with Christ, in His resurrection. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in you, now. That's a staggering truth and it's really hard to believe. And if you didn't really believe what Paul has already said about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and if you don't really believe what the Scripture says about that power, you will find it very hard to take that in. But that is precisely what Paul is saying.

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