

## The Gospel of John:

### The Risen One (*John 20:1-8*)

#### The Empty Tomb (v. 1-10)

- On Sunday morning, three days after His death, Mary Magdalene goes to Jesus' tomb to finalize His burial
  - Mary Magdalene was a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons (Mk 16:9; Lk 8:2)
- The stone blocking the entrance to the tomb is already rolled away
  - Mary doesn't enter, but runs to find Peter & the beloved disciple (John), thinking that the body had been moved or stolen
- Peter runs to the tomb, with John outpacing him
  - But John doesn't enter the tomb
- Peter enters, followed by John, and sees that the burial clothes are left in place
  - This evidence leads John to believe that Jesus is alive, even though he has not seen Him yet (v. 8)
- The disciples then return to where they are staying, leaving Mary alone at the tomb

#### He Lives! (v. 11-16)

- Mary is weeping, thinking Jesus' body has been taken
- Looking into the tomb, she sees two angels, one of whom asks why she is crying
  - It is evident that Mary does not understand what has happened yet
- She turns around and is met by a man whom she takes to be the gardener, who asks who she is looking for
  - Mary does not realize that it is Jesus until He says her name
    - She knows His voice (Jn 10:3b-4)

#### The Mission & the Message (v. 17-18)

- Jesus tells her:
  - Not to cling to Him, for He has not ascended back to His Father yet
  - Go and tell His disciples that He is alive and will ascend back to the Father
    - Mary Magdalene is the *first* to tell others the Good News that Jesus is alive!
- Jesus refers to the disciples here as brothers and declares that He has secured a place in God's family for all who believe in Him (v. 17b)

#### So What?

- Jesus is alive and has secured eternal life and a place in God's family for us all when we put our faith in Him
  - Have you put your life in His hands?
- Like Mary Magdalene, are we sharing the Good News of Jesus?

**Meditation Verse:** John 10:27-28

**Next Week:** John 20:19-29