

Forgiven Much, Loved Much

John 20:1-18

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I. *Where's the body? John 20:1-4*

None of Jesus' followers were _____ His Resurrection.

- If you are a _____ of Jesus Christ, you can call yourself the one whom Jesus loves as well! **Jude 20-21**

That first Easter morning, Jesus did the most amazing thing, when He kept His _____ and rose from the dead.

II. *Seeing is believing. John 20:5-10*

John saw the folded linen cloths and he was _____ that Jesus had risen from the dead.

- The LORD can do the _____ - even by resurrecting something we had previously believed was dead. **Luke 1:37**

If the LORD is in His rightful place in your life and you delight yourself in Him, His desires will become _____ desires, and you will have an abundant and fulfilled life. **Psalm 37:4-5**

III. *Mary loved much. John 20:11-15*

Mary was truly in love with Jesus because she realized how much she was _____, she loved much because she had been forgiven much.

- Mary was also weeping because of unbelief, and unbelief can cause spiritual _____.

Because Mary was not expecting a resurrection, in her unbelief, she failed to _____ Jesus even though He was next to her.

IV. *Jesus revealed Himself. John 20:16-18*

John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am _____ of mine." NKJV

- Jesus is so full of mercy and grace that He calls out to us and reveals Himself even during our moments of _____.

Because of what Jesus did on the Cross, we can now call the LORD our Father and our _____. **John 20:17**

V. *Practical Application.*

The LORD wants to provide a resurrection in areas of our lives that appear to be without hope, but the LORD is still in the business of showing up and performing God-sized _____.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **John 20:1-4**. Were the followers expecting Jesus to rise from the dead? Why didn't they recognize the signs and prophecies? How can our preconceived ideas and emotions hide reality from us at times?
Isaiah 53:12, Zechariah 12:10, Jude 20-21, Psalm 16:10, Jeremiah 17:9-10, Romans 1:18-20
2. Read **John 20:5-10**. Is the idiom true, "Seeing is believing?" How can the idiom of "Seeing is believing" become contrary to faith? Why is it important to take the LORD at His Word even at times when we cannot see the proof?
Hebrews 1:1-6, Luke 1:37, John 10:10, Psalm 37:4-5, Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 10:17, Psalm 34:18
3. Read **John 20:11-15**. Why was Mary Magdalene the first person Jesus appeared to after His resurrection? How can sorrow and unbelief affect our perception of reality? (**vss. 13, 15**) Who was Mary Magdalene before she was forgiven?
Proverbs 8:17, Luke 8:1-2, Psalm 139:23-24, 1 John 4:19
4. Read **John 20:16-18**. When did Mary realize the person speaking to her was Jesus? How can we learn to discern the voice of God?
John 10:11-16, John 10:27, Revelation 2:17, Isaiah 52:12, Jeremiah 33:3, Psalm 85:8, Exodus 33:11
5. Jesus told Mary that He was going to His Father and her Father, to His God and her God. What gives a person the right to call the LORD their Father and God?
John 1:11-13, Romans 10:9-13, John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Galatians 4:4-6
6. Discuss the Practical Applications of the sermon.