

IT'S SUNDAY BUT...JESUS IS COMING TO OFFER YOU A NEW FUTURE! (Part 3)

He is coming to confront and help you conquer your confusion.

Message 4 – May 10, 2020

John 20:11-18, NKJV

Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord

¹¹ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³ Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

¹⁴ Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!”
She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’ ”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* He had spoken these things to her.

Why did the resurrected Jesus first appear to women?

(Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-11, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18)

WAS IT BECAUSE OF LOVE?

Mark 16:9 – When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons

Luke 7:47 – Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – ***for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.***

A mother's love is unconditional and eternal.

WAS IT BECAUSE OF LABOR?

Luke 8:1 – After this, Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, and the women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out. ***These women were helping to support them out of their own means.***

Proverbs 31:27,28,31 – She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of ***idleness***. Her children arise and call her blessed and her husband also, and he praises her. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her ***works*** bring her praise at the city gate.

WAS IT BECAUSE OF LOYALTY?

John 19:25 – Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Mark 16:1 – When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

I Corinthians 13:4-8a – Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. ***It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.***

²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*