John 20:11-18
11 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; 12 and she beheld two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13 And 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 When she had said this, she turned around, and beheld 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?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she 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 in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

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Intro: The _______________ of Jesus Christ is an _______________ of the Christian faith.

A. Jesus is the _______ ______ “who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead” (Rom 1:4). And, Rom 10:9 says “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that ___________ ___________ ________ from the dead, you shall be saved.”

B. “Let us remember that the final proof of the resurrection of Christ is not found in an empty grave, a missing body, and orderly grave clothes, but in the fact that ___________ lives and bodily ___________ Himself to many …”

C. These appearances, especially in light of the sheer number of them and the overwhelming number of those before whom He appeared and ________________, stands as overwhelming, irrefutable, lawful, court-worthy testimony that Christ was _______ _______ after He had been crucified, pronounced dead by the Roman authorities, and sealed in the tomb.

I. _______ returned to the Lord’s tomb and there she stood outside ________________.

A. In all her grief Mary “stooped and looked in the tomb and ___________ two ___________ in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.”

1. The angel’s question, “Woman, ________ (or for what justified cause) are you _______________?” was meant to bring Mary out of her grief to hope.

2. Mary, so _______________, answered their question saying, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and ________ _______ ________ where they have laid Him.”

B. Having answered the angels, expressing her concern and thus her grief, “she turned around, and ___________ __________ standing there.” She beheld Him and wondered at Him, but still she ________ ________ ________ that it was actually Jesus.

II. Jesus _________________ __ Mary.

A. At first Jesus addressed Mary as a stranger politely asking another stranger a question saying, “Women, ______ are you weeping? ______________ are you seeking?”

1. Mary, supposing Jesus to be the ________________ answered Him much as she did the angels saying, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, ________ ______ where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”
B. In love the ______________ ________ her by name, “Mary!”

1. When _______ heard Jesus speak her name her eyes were opened and she ______________ that it was the Lord, _______

C. Upon hearing her name spoken by her ____________, Mary wheeled herself about suddenly as one surprised, and with great excitement she spoke “to Him in Hebrew saying, ‘______________!’ (which means, Teacher).”

1. The title Rabboni is a high form of the title Rabbi. According to Spiros Zodhiates it was “the highest title of ______________ attributed” and means “my great master.” The title expresses great honor and ______________ reverence.”

III. In her joy-filled excitement and perhaps without a thought Mary ____________ to the Lord!

A. With Mary ____________ to the Lord in a worshipful manner the Lord said to her, “________ clung to Me…”

1. There was much ministry yet to take place and _______ was ________, with a great deal left to be accomplished even on that first day of the week. So, Jesus told Mary to stop clinging to Him … for He wanted her to ____________ a ______________ to His disciples.

B. For the first time Jesus referred to His disciples as His ______________!

1. Now, because of the sacrificial death of Christ and moreover, because He rose from the dead, those who have faith in Him are adopted by His Father into His household, being ______________ with Christ Jesus, the Risen Savior. Jesus is the first-born among many ______________ (Ro. 8:29).

2. The _______ wanted His disciples to hear from Mary’s lips that He was ____________ and that His _______ with them was ____________ for soon He would ascend to the Father.

C. And if the Lord’s disciples are the Lord’s brothers then _______ ________ is their Father, and His God is ____________! “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. O what a foretaste of glory divine!”

IV. Mary obeyed the Lord and went to the disciples announcing that _______ had ________ the _______!

Finally then: As I said last Lord’s Day let us remember that these lived this out in real time while _____ ________ their Written Testimony here in the Written ________ of God, and so do we have the indwelling Holy Spirit whom Christ sent after He ascended. So then, we are without excuse for ________ comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. And again, I remind you that at the end of our present chapter John the Beloved wrote saying, verse 31, “these have been written that you may ______________ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.” Mary saw the Lord! He is the ________ Savior!

In all seriousness then I ask you, “Who do you seek? Do you seek the Savior Jesus Christ? Will you come to Him in faith believing the truth of His Word, that God raised Him from the dead? Will you _______ His voice through the testimony of His ________? Does He know you by name? Are you His sister or brother? Jesus said, “For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother” (Matt 12:50).

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