

Encounter these verses today:
*circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...*



John 1-18 (MSG) | *The Resurrection*

¹⁻² Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

³⁻¹⁰ Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

¹¹⁻¹³ But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus' body had been laid. They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?"

¹³⁻¹⁴ "They took my Master," she said, "and I don't know where they put him." After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't recognize him.

¹⁵ Jesus spoke to her, "Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?"

She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, "Mister, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him."

¹⁶ Jesus said, "Mary."

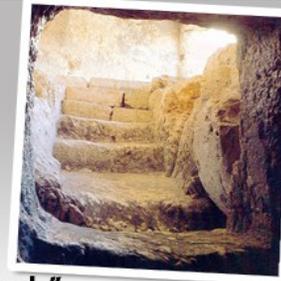
Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" meaning "Teacher!"

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!" And she told them everything he said to her.



Ashes to Fire



"With Jesus at the Empty Tomb"
Easter Sunday!

What strikes you as the most amazing part of Jesus' initial reactions to his resurrection?

Why do you think that Jesus' closest followers couldn't grasp the plan of death and resurrection?

How does the understanding that "LOVE WINS" impact our daily life?

My commitment today is ...



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Digging Deeper

[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 4.25.2011

Passage: Psalm 98; Jonah 2:1-9; Acts 2:14, 22-32

Today's Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

Quote: *I am the Christ. It is I who destroyed death, who triumphed over the enemy, who trampled hell underfoot, who bound the strong one and snatched many away to the heights of heaven. I am the Christ.*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 4.26.2011

Passage: Psalm 103; Isaiah 30:18-21; Acts 2:36-41

Today's Gospel Reading: John 14:15-31

Prayer: *O Lord, you did not please yourself even though all things were created for you pleasure. Let some portion of your Spirit descend on me, so that I may deny myself and follow you, in Jesus' name, Amen.*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 4.27.2011

Passage: Psalm 97; Micah 7:7-15; Acts 3:1-10

Today's Gospel Reading: John 15:1-11

Quote: *Thus the passion of the Savior is salvation for all mankind. This is why he willed to die for us, that we should believe in him, and live forever. He willed to become for a time what we are, so that we should receive the promise of his eternity and live with him forever.*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 4.28.2011

Passage: Psalm 146; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 3:11-26

Today's Gospel Reading: John 15:12-27

Quote: *What boundless love! The innocent hands and feet of Christ were pierced by the nails: he suffered the pain. I suffer neither pain nor anguish ...*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 4.29.2011

Passage: Psalm 136; Daniel 12:1-4, 13; Acts 4:1-12

Today's Gospel Reading: John 16:1-15

Prayer: *Almighty God, I bless you from my heart. O Savior of the World, God of God, Light of Light, you have destroyed the power of the devil, you have overcome death, and you sit at the right hand of the Father. Be today my light and peace and make me a new creature, through Christ my Lord. Amen.*

Reflections: _____

Saturday: 4.30.2011

Passage: Psalm 145; Isaiah 25:1-9; Acts 4:13-31

Today's Gospel Reading: John 16:16-33

Prayer: *Lord of all life and power, through the mighty resurrection of Jesus, you have overcome sin and death to make all things new in him. This is the day you have made; I will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.*

Reflections: _____

Join us for Thursday Prayer 5:30-8:00 am

The church is open during this time for moments of prayer. This is private prayer in a public place! Prayer guides are available that help you pray for the families of our church, our leadership, staff and other requests as they are made known.

It's a great way to start the day!

