



Sermon Title: "The Savior Proclaiming His Victory"

Scripture: John 20:11-18

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INTRODUCTION

I. FACTS OF THE RESURRECTION

John 20:1 -

Fact #1 - The stone is GONE; the giant barrier/door has been purposefully removed!

John 20:2 -

Fact #2 - The tomb is now EMPTY; the body is missing; it's gone!

John 20:3-7 -

Fact #3 - The *linen wrappings* and the *face cloth* were PRESENT, but Jesus was absent!

John 20:8-10 -

Fact #4 - We are reading (here in John 20) EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY!

"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN so that YOU may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that BY BELIEVING YOU may have life in His name." (John 20:30-31)

II. FRUITS OF THE RESURRECTION

John 20:11-13 -

1) We see the confusion and despair of one who truly loves Jesus!

1 Corinthians 15:17 -

John 20:14-16 -

2) We see utter despair turn into joy-filled excitement and worship in the presence of Jesus!

Note: Not recognizing the resurrected Christ is a recurring theme throughout the gospels.

Note: NO ONE can see Jesus (for who He truly is) unless He chooses to make Himself known.

Luke 10:22 -

John 20:17-18 -

3) In the midst of the disciples' sin, failure, and weakness, Jesus speaks a message of confident victory, absolute reconciliation, and glorious adoption!

1 John 3:1a; John 1:12 -

An “**Open Letter to Death**” written by Cindy Matson

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What are some of the basic facts (or pieces of evidence) concerning Jesus' resurrection that John records in verses 1-10?
2. Why doesn't Mary Magdalene immediately recognize Jesus? What important truth does this help to illustrate and teach us?
3. Why doesn't Jesus allow Mary to “cling” to Him? What must Jesus do? What does this mean?
4. What message does Jesus give to Mary to speak to the disciples? Why is this message important?
5. In what ways can you live in joy and in confidence as you trust in Jesus' words in verse 17?