

WORDS TO
Live By

*But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.
And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.
They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them,
"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
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."
Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). John 20:11-16*

I. Jesus is alive and speaks words of _____ .

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" v. 15a

II. Jesus is alive and speaks words of _____ .

"Whom are you seeking?" v. 15b

III. Jesus is alive and speaks words of _____ .

Jesus said to her, "Mary." v. 16a

Because He's Alive

_____ **JESUS calling your name to have a relationship with Him.**

"The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:3

_____ **TO JESUS to find eternal life.**

*"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,
that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord ..." Acts 3:19-20a*

_____ **JESUS, who will lead you to abundant life.**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:1, 6*



SERMON DEVOTIONAL STUDY

1. All the statements of Jesus from the cross mean nothing if He did not rise from the dead. In that light, how much more relevant to your life are the first things He says after His resurrection?

2. What have you been surprised to see revealed in your heart during the pandemic? How would you answer the pastor's question in the sermon: *Why are you weeping today?*

3. If you picture yourself looking back on this time next year, what resurrection work would you like to have seen God do in your heart and life? How open are you to submitting to His work, even if it involves difficult circumstances?

4. Mary was deeply distressed as she went to tend the body of Jesus, but she didn't find what she expected at the tomb. In what ways are you like Mary this Easter? How has God given you a glimpse into His work, as Jesus also did with Mary?

5. Why do you think Jesus asked Mary **Whom** are you seeking? instead of *What* are you seeking? What difference does that question make in how you view Jesus? How do you answer that question yourself?

6. Spend some time studying Psalm 23. How does this Scripture guide and comfort you, especially in light of how you answered questions 2 and 5?

“Resurrection, if you believed in it, had to do with the next life. It was something that happened to you after you were dead and buried and then found yourself with God in heaven for eternity. But Jesus’ resurrection took place on earth. These first witnesses and participants in Jesus’ resurrection obviously weren’t in heaven. They were walking the same old roads over the same old ground they had grown up on and talked and worked on, with the same old people they had grown up with. And that resurrection had taken place in the person of Jesus, whom they had watched die on a cross. We grope for words adequate to name their response—wonder, amazement, astonishment. Despite centuries of preparation, nothing had prepared them for this. Now it was becoming clear to them—it had been several days now, remember—that the resurrection also had to do with them and the ongoing circumstances of their lives. My feeling is that this may have been even more difficult to wrap their minds around than Jesus’ resurrection itself. Jesus was radically reconfigured and redefined by resurrection. And now they were being just as radically reconfigured and redefined by resurrection. Jesus was special, of course. But the disciples’ familiar concept of resurrection as life after death was now being totally recast as life ‘in the land of the living.’ This is a radical thing. It is as radical for you and me as it was for them. This might account for why the seven former fishermen were back fishing that night. They were beginning to get the sense that Jesus’ resurrection had everything to do with their ordinary lives. They needed practice in this reorientation, and they plunged into ordinariness—the old familiar workplace of sea and the fishing boat. I’m not imagining that this was so much a thought-out plan, the kind of thing we sometimes refer to as a ‘spiritual discipline.’ It was just simply a gut feeling for this new reality they found themselves in.”

Eugene Peterson

“Nothing is more central to the Bible than Jesus’ death and resurrection. The entire Bible pivots on one weekend in Jerusalem about two thousand years ago. Attempts to make sense of the Bible that do not give prolonged thought to integrating the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are doomed to failure, at best exercises in irrelevance. Jesus’ own followers did not expect him to be crucified; they certainly did not expect him to rise again. Yet after these events their thinking and attitudes were so transformed that they could see the sheer inevitability that Jesus would die on a cross and leave an empty tomb behind, and absolutely everything in their lives was changed.”

D. A. Carson

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

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NEED HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT? WE’RE HERE FOR YOU. Are you feeling challenged by the “togetherness” you’re experiencing with your spouse, family or roommates right now? Ryan McCarthy, from our Soul Care Ministry, wants to help you grow through this time and get wisdom for your relationships. He’s offering a class this Thursday, April 16 at noon over Zoom. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org to learn more and sign up. If you are afraid, sick, lonely or just need to talk to someone, our team is also available to talk over the phone and Zoom. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org to sign up for a chat.

DON’T SOCIAL DISTANCE ALONE—JUMP INTO COMMUNITY ONLINE. If you’re looking for some community and encouragement, you’ll love online small groups. These groups meet to hang out online and go deeper into Sunday’s sermon each and every week. Our men’s and women’s Bible studies are also completely online as well. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org to learn more about all three and pick one to try this week.

NEW TO CHRIST CHAPEL? READY TO PUT DOWN ROOTS? Connecting Point is the place to go if you’ve been worshipping with us for a while but haven’t connected any further. The online class will help you learn all the ways we’re here to help you grow in your faith while getting to know others at Christ Chapel. Starting next Sunday, April 19, we’re doing online classes for both April and May. Learn more about the experience and sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

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