

June 22

Mary's Hopes Dashed Then Revived; Disciples Don't Get It

For you will not leave my soul in Sheol, neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption. You will show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore – Psalm 16:10-11

[John 20:2-18, garden tomb, Sunday] *But* Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran together. The other disciple outran Peter, and came to the tomb first. Stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying, yet he didn't enter in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, and the cloth that had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. So then the other disciple who came first to the tomb also entered in, and he saw and believed. For as yet they didn't know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

But Mary was standing outside at the tomb weeping. So, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. They told her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know

where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, and didn't know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "**Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?**"

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."

Jesus said to her, "**Mary.**"

She turned and said to him, "Rabboni!" which is to say, "Teacher!"

Jesus said to her, "**Don't hold me, for I haven't yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brothers, and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'**" Behold, Jesus met them*, saying, "**Rejoice!**" They came and took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "**Don't be afraid. Go tell my brothers that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me.**"

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. *When they heard that he was alive, and had been seen by her, they disbelieved.* [Matthew 28:9-10, Mark 16:11, Luke 24:12][*Mary and the women who rejoined her]

1. Why did Mary weep after returning with Peter and John? What had she hoped to find?
2. Why didn't she recognize Jesus? Why did the disciples disbelieve? What did he say?
3. Jesus, it feels great to read what you said and did after beating death, I want to celebrate...