



Lesson 70 – “Why Weepest Thou?”

Based on Matthew 28:1, 5-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18.

1) Where does our lesson begin today?

Mark 16:1-2 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet _____, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the _____.

The women who had stood by the cross of Christ waited and watched for the hours of the Sabbath to pass. On the first day of the week, very early, they made their way to the tomb, taking with them precious spices to anoint the Saviour's body. They did not think about His rising from the dead. The sun of their hope had set, and night had settled down on their hearts.

2) What Words had everyone forgotten about?

John 16:22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will _____ you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

3) What question did they ask themselves as they went?

Mark 16:3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the _____ from the door of the sepulchre?

4) What had already happened?

Matthew 28:2-6 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from _____, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and _____ upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as _____ men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is _____, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

They knew that they could not remove the stone, yet they kept on their way. And lo, the heavens were suddenly alight with glory that came not from the rising sun. The earth trembled. They saw that the great stone was rolled away. The grave was empty.

5) What did they see inside?

Mark 16:5-6 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were _____. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they _____ him.

6) What command followed?

Matthew 28:7-8 And go quickly, and tell his _____ that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into _____; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

The women had not all come to the tomb from the same direction. Mary Magdalene was the first to reach the place; and upon seeing that the stone was removed, she hurried away to tell the disciples.



He is risen, He is risen! The women repeat the words again and again. No need now for the anointing spices. The Saviour is living, and not dead. They remember now that when speaking of His death He said that He would rise again

7) How did John record it?

John 20:1-2 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet _____, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other _____, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

8) Who was next to come to the tomb?

John 20:3-5 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did _____ Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and _____ in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

John 20:6-8 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the _____, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but _____ together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

It was Christ Himself who had placed those graveclothes with such care. When the mighty angel came down to the tomb, he was joined by another, who with his company had been keeping guard over the Lord's body. As the angel from heaven rolled away the stone, the other entered the tomb, and unbound the wrappings from the body of Jesus. But it was the Saviour's hand that folded each and laid it in its place. In His sight who guides alike the star and the atom, there is nothing unimportant. Order and perfection are seen in all His work.

9) Who followed Peter and John to the tomb?

John 20:11-13 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre _____: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two _____ in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have _____ away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

Then she turned away, even from the angels, thinking that she must find someone who could tell her what had been done with the body of Jesus.

10) Who addressed her?

John 20:14-15 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why _____ thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the _____, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

11) Did she figure it out?

John 20:16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, _____.



12) She tried to embrace His feet, what happened?

John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, _____ me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I _____ unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Jesus refused to receive the homage of His people until He had the assurance that His sacrifice was accepted by the Father. He ascended to the heavenly courts, and from God Himself heard the assurance that His atonement for the sins of men had been ample, that through His blood all might gain eternal life. The Father ratified the covenant made with Christ, that He would receive repentant and obedient men, and would love them even as He loves His Son.

13) How did Isaiah describe Jesus' mission?

Isaiah 13:12 I will make a man more precious than fine _____; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

All power in heaven and on earth was given to the Prince of Life, and He returned to His followers in a world of sin, that He might impart to them of His power and glory.

14) What message was told to the women to give to the Disciples?

Mark 16:7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into _____: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

These angels had been with Christ as guardian angels throughout His life on earth. They had witnessed His trial and crucifixion. They had heard His words to His disciples. This was shown by their message to the disciples and should have convinced them of its truth. Such words could have come only from the messengers of their risen Lord.

Since the death of Christ, Peter had been bowed down with remorse. His shameful denial of the Lord, and the Saviour's look of love and anguish, were ever before him. Of all the disciples he had suffered most bitterly. To him the assurance is given that his repentance is accepted and his sin forgiven. He is mentioned by name.

15) Who appeared to the ladies as they went to tell the Disciples the message?

Matthew 28:9-10 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, _____ met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not _____: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

A third time the message was sent to the Disciples. After He had ascended to the Father, Jesus appeared to the other women, saying, ***"All hail. And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshiped Him."***

Christ's first work on earth after His resurrection was to convince His disciples of His undiminished love and tender regard for them. To give them proof that He was their living Saviour, that He had broken the fetters of the tomb, and could no longer be held by the enemy death; to reveal that He had the same heart of love as when He was with them as their beloved Teacher, He appeared to them again and again. He would draw the bonds of love still closer around them. Go tell My brethren, He said, that they meet Me in Galilee.

**16) What had the Disciples been accused of?**

Matthew 28:13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and _____ him away while we slept.

As they heard this appointment, so definitely given, the disciples began to think of Christ's words to them foretelling His resurrection. But even now they did not rejoice. They could not cast off their doubt and perplexity. Even when the women declared that they had seen the Lord, the disciples would not believe. They thought them under an illusion.

17) What question did they ask and ask?

Luke 24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have _____ Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

Trouble seemed crowding upon trouble. On the sixth day of the week, they had seen their Master die; on the first day of the next week, they found themselves deprived of His body, and they were accused of having stolen it away for the sake of deceiving the people. They despaired of ever correcting the false impressions that were gaining ground against them. They feared the enmity of the priests and the wrath of the people. They longed for the presence of Jesus, who had helped them in every perplexity.

They met together in the upper chamber, and closed and fastened the doors, knowing that the fate of their beloved Teacher might at any time be theirs.

How many are still doing what these disciples did! How many echo Mary's despairing cry, "They have taken away the Lord, ... and we know not where they have laid Him"! To how many might the Saviour's words be spoken, "**Why wepest thou? whom seekest thou?**" He is close beside them, but their tear-blinded eyes do not discern Him. He speaks to them, but they do not understand.

From grateful hearts, from lips touched with holy fire, let the glad song ring out, Christ is risen! He lives to make intercession for us. Grasp this hope, and it will hold the soul like a sure, tried anchor. Believe, and thou shalt see the glory of God.

Can you see Jesus has won the victory?

Do you want to see past the gloom?

When is the time to prepare for eternity?