

# *HOPE REKINDLED*

## THE STORY

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### Chapter Twenty Seven

John 20:1-18

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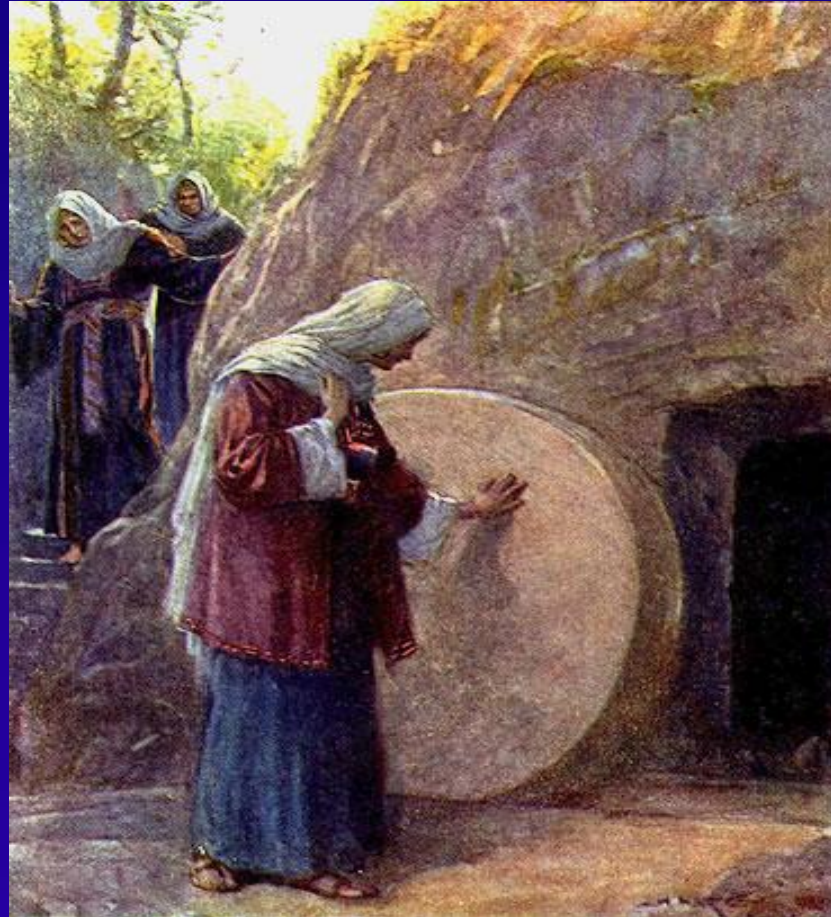


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John 20

Introduction

**Mary  
Magdalene  
Arriving at  
the Tomb  
early in the  
Morning**



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John 20:11

"But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. And as she weeps, she stood down and looked into the tomb and she saw two angles in white sitting; one at the head, the other at the feet where the body of Jesus had lain. And then they said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'

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John 20:11

She said to them, 'Because they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid him.' Now once she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there and did not know that it was Jesus.

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John 20:11

Jesus said to her, 'Woman why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?' 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.

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John 20:11

Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to me for I have not yet ascended to my Father but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' Mary Magdalene came and told the Disciples that she had seen the Lord and that she had spoken these things to her."

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John 20:11

A. Dealing with grieving people

1. "Walk softly around a broken heart"

2. Broken hearted people: fragile,  
emotionally distressed, need **hope**

3. Journey from despair to hope

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John 20:11

## B.Setting

1.Mary Magdalene

a.Came to the tomb

b.The Stone rolled away

c. She Thought the body was stolen

d.Wrong: resurrection

2.Jesus deals lovingly, mercifully,  
compassionately with her



## II.. Crying Is Natural

### A. Setting

1. Mary is weeping: wailing loudly
2. Disturbed sleep the previous evening  
(visions of the crucifixion)
3. Got up early and went to the tomb (see John 20:1)
  - a. Fourth watch: 3-6 am

# Crying Is Natural

a. Sabbath is over

i. Can't walk to tomb

ii. Jewish law prohibited walking more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  mile

4. Told the disciples

5. John and Peter ran to tomb, then depart

6. Mary returns

# Crying Is Natural

## B. Jewish mourning

1. 30 days to deal with the loss of a loved one
2. First seven days more intense
  - a. Don't bathe
  - b. Don't anoint selves with oil
  - c. No shoes
  - d. No business or study

# Crying Is Natural

3. Wailing uncontained

4. Tearing of garments: broken heart

5. Sackcloth and ashes

6. "A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;"

(Ecclesiastes 3:4)

7. Jewish legend: body of dead hovered for three days, seeking to re-enter the body; fourth day, spirit departs

# Crying Is Natural

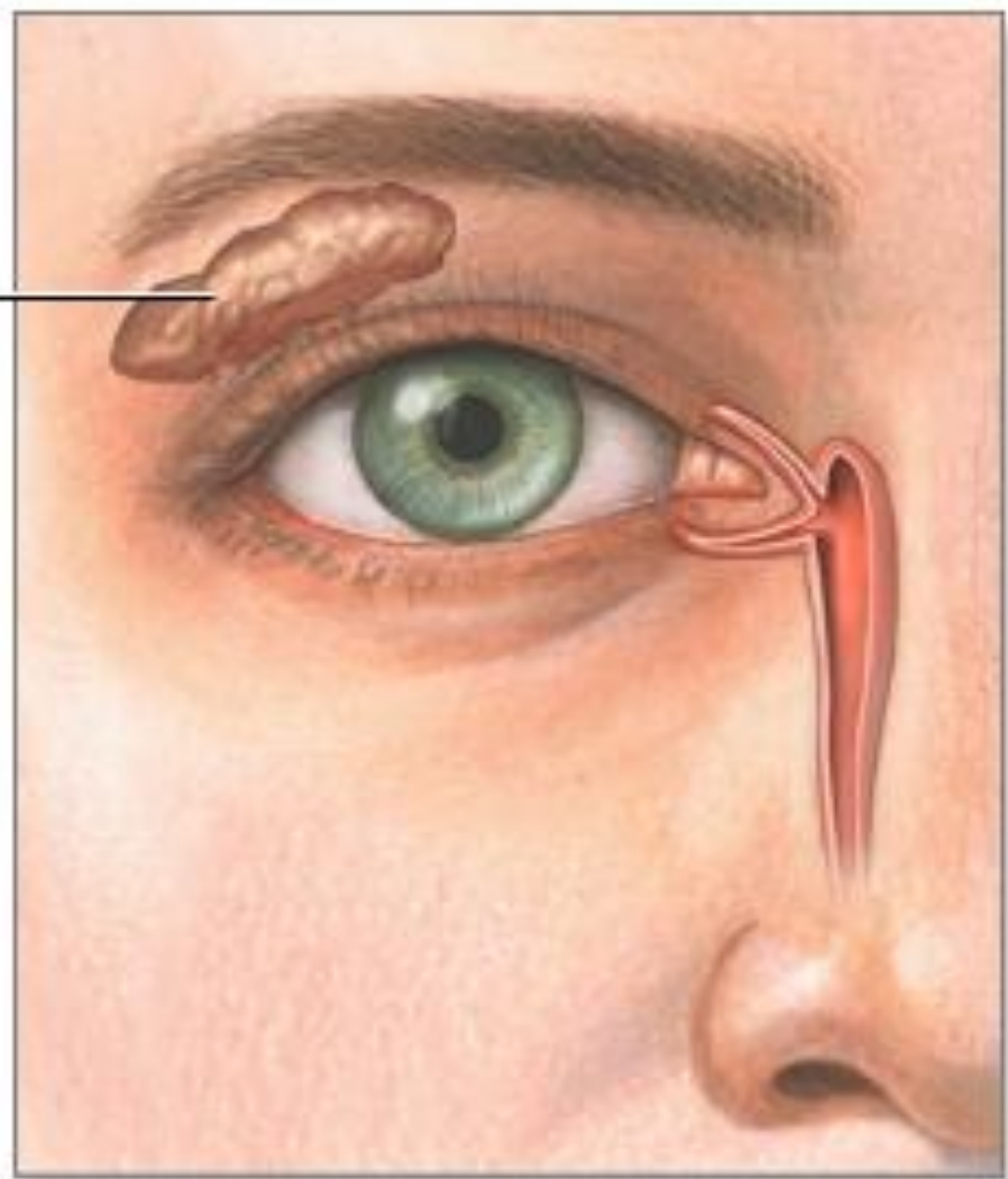
C. God designed us to cry

1. lacrimal glands

a. Secrete serum to lubricate eye

b. Attached to emotional centers of the  
brain

Lacrimal  
gland



# Crying Is Natural

2. Unhealthy to suppress tears

a. **Suppressed** sorrow can wreak havoc on the entire nervous system

b. **Death** from ulcerated colitis due to suppressed grief

# Crying Is Natural

## D. Sayings

1. "Don't Cry!" —why not?
2. "Big boys don't cry—did lacrima glands fall out?
  - a. Think crying is not masculine
  - b. "Jesus wept" (John 11:35)



# Crying Is Natural

E. God notices when we weep

1. "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying" (Revelation 21:4)

2. "Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?" (Psalm 56:8)

# Crying Is Natural

F."Let grief do its work. Tramp every inch of the sorrowful way. Drink every drop of the bitter cup. Draw from memory and hope all that they can offer. To see the things our loved ones have left behind will give us daily pain...but what would we be without those reminders?

# Crying Is Natural

Those who truly love will say that they have found in sorrow a new joy, a joy which only the brokenhearted can know."— W. Graham

Scroggie

G. Tears must never blind a person from eternal truth: heaven

### III. Questions Are Helpful

#### A. Angels

1. Luke and Mark refer to them as men
  - a. Angels: messengers from heaven
  - b. Appear in human form
2. 34 books of the Bible talk about angels
  - a. 17 Old Testament
  - b. 17 New Testament

# III. Questions Are Helpful

## A. Angels

3. "God's Secret Agents"—Billy Graham

4. Appear in Jesus' ministry at key times

a. His annunciation

b. His birth

c. His temptation

d. His resurrection

### III. Questions Are Helpful

#### A. Angels

##### 5. Interested in our Salvation

a. "To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into"

(1 Peter 1:12)

# III. Questions Are Helpful

## A. Angels

5. Interested in our Salvation

b. Marvel at God's love for us

c. Don't understand our lack of faith

6. Never sitting, except at the resurrection;  
always busy, working, active

### III. Questions Are Helpful

#### 7. Their position

- a. One at each end of the bench where  
Jesus lay
- b. One on the rolled away **stone**  
(see Matthew 28:2)



### III. Questions Are Helpful

#### 7. Their position

c. Reminder of the mercy seat in the tabernacle

i. One on each end

ii. Only place God meets with men

iii. Jesus is the mercy seat

iv. Only place God meets with man is through Christ

### III. Questions Are Helpful

B. "I will take him away"

1. A Frail woman carrying the dead weight of a man?
2. Where would she take him?
3. When you love someone like Mary loved Jesus, then you don't care about impossibilities
4. "Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope;"  
(1 Corinthians 13:7 Phillips Translation)

# III. Questions Are Helpful

## C. Jesus questions her

1. Jesus typical method: asking questions to redirect the thinking to a proper line of thinking and elevate a person to a higher level of trust
2. Why are you weeping? Could there be another explanation?

### III. Questions Are Helpful

3. Whom are you seeking? What kind of Messiah are you expecting?

4. "Two-thirds of the things we fear in life never happen at all, and two-thirds of the tears we shed are thrown away, and shed in vain"—J.C. Ryle

### III. Questions Are Helpful

A. When a person is in trial, well placed questions help redirect their thinking

1. Ask the right questions

2. Don't get preachy

# III. Questions Are Helpful

## 3. Examples:

### a. **Death**

- i. What did you most admire about that person?
- ii. What will you miss the most?
- iii. What is the greatest lesson they taught you?
- iv. What do you think they would want you to do now?

# III. Questions Are Helpful

3. Examples:

b. Financial loss:

At this point, what is most valuable to  
you

## IV. Comprehension Is Gradual

### A. Chronology

1. Mary comes to the tomb, weeping
2. Looks inside, questioned by angels
3. Jesus behind her outside



## IV. Comprehension Is Gradual

4. Jesus questions her
5. She turns away and continues weeping
  - B. One word: her fears are dissipated
    1. Her name, Mary
      - a. Jesus spoke with familiar tone
      - b. She recognized Him
    2. Hearing is a powerful memory trigger
      - a. Your name is the access point to your personality

## IV. Comprehension Is Gradual

b. In a crowd, hear your name when spoken

3. Why not visible recognition

a. She is crying

b. Emotionally distressed

c. She thinks the body has been stolen

d. Last one she expects to see: Jesus

## IV. Comprehension Is Gradual

e. He is in His resurrected body

i. Very different

ii. "The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power" (1 Corinthians 15:43-44)

## IV. Comprehension Is Gradual

f. Supernaturally kept from recognizing him, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: "But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him"

(Luke 24:16)

## IV. Comprehension Is Gradual

4. Jesus is right there, she doesn't recognize  
him

a. We too have Jesus close to us and we  
think He is far away

b. "I will never leave you nor forsake  
you" (Hebrews 13:5)

c. "I am with you always, even to the end  
of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

## IV. Comprehension Is Gradual

### 5. Circumstances cloud view of reality

#### C. She recognized His voice

1. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17)
2. "The sheep hear his voice; he calls his own sheep by name" (John 10:3)

## IV. Comprehension Is Gradual

- a. She heard it before
- b. She has been in His presence long enough to recognize Him
- c. How can we recognize His voice?  
Spend time with Him

## V. Commission Is Needful

A. People in distress need a task to complete

B. Don't cling to me

1. Stop fastening yourself to Me

2. She probably grabbed Him

3. He gives her a mission to accomplish



## IV. Commission Is **Needful**

C. First time Jesus refers to His apostles as  
brethren

1. He has paid the price making the new  
relationship possible

2. Adopted as sons

(see Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5)

3. "He is not ashamed to call them  
brethren" (Hebrews 2:11)

# IV. Commission Is **Needful**

D. Commission restores hope

1. **Grief** is consuming

2. Redirect thinking

E. "Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5)

**HOLD ON TO YOUR FORK**

**THE BEST IS YET TO COME!**