

NORTH WAY

notes outline

EASTER WEEKEND 2022

“He is not here, for he has risen.” - *Matthew 28:6*

Reactions to the empty tomb news ...

- Trembling and frozen in shock, frightened
- Overcome with fear
- Great Joy
- Threatened
- Unfazed – go on with life as normal
- Disbelief
- Confused and perplexed
- Thought it a fairy tale
- Marveling and running to learn more
- Wanting it to be real ... but still unsure

Your initial reaction does not determine your final position.

“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). Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’—and that he had said these things to her.”

John 20:11-16,18

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Mary kept seeking, despite her reaction.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

Matthew 7:7-8

If the resurrection is just another story, you’ve lost your why.

A name is a powerful thing because it’s a personal thing.

Whatever the cause of her blindness, the single word *Mary*, spoken by Jesus was enough to remove it.

The resurrection is a declaration of our worth.

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’”

John 11:25-26

The resurrection is a declaration of our rescue.

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:4

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The resurrection is a declaration of Jesus' presence in us.

“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20b

The resurrection is for you.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

John 3:16-18

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