

**Resurrection Life**  
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But Mary remained standing outside the tomb sobbing. As she wept, she stooped down [and looked] into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they said to her, Woman, why are you sobbing? She told them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him. On saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing [there], but she did not know (recognize) that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you crying [so]? For Whom are you looking? Supposing that it was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you carried Him away from here, tell me where you have put Him and I will take Him away. Jesus said to her, Mary! Turning around she said to Him in Hebrew, Rabboni!—which means Teacher or Master. Jesus said to her, Do not cling to Me [do not hold Me], for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brethren and tell them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God. Away came Mary Magdalene, bringing the disciples news (word) that she had seen the Lord and that He had said these things to her. **(John 20:11-18 AMP)**

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **(Luke 2:7 NKJV)**

The bones in his body had to stay shaped.

When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb. **(Matthew 27:59-61 NKJV)**

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **(Matthew 2:11 NKJV)**

Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." **(John 20:2 NKJV)**

Mary ran to the two guys. Peter had the keys and John had Jesus' heart. Peter had power and John had His presence. Peter represented faith and John represented grace.

So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. **(John 20:4 NKJV)**

Peter ran to the tomb just hoping the Savior would help him.

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." **(Luke 22:31, 32 NKJV)**

Sometimes, we just mess up horribly.

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. **(Hebrews 7:25 NKJV)**

He always lives just to make intercession for you. His promises are always yes and amen.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. **(John 20:6, 7 NKJV)**

He did that just for John, because Him and John had eaten together before.

And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. **(John 20:5 NKJV)**

You can't see the mysteries of God standing up. The mysteries of God are fearful and fascinating. Jesus did the napkin just for John. Peter didn't pay attention to details. Love is always concerned about what other people miss.

Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. **(John 20:8 NKJV)**

What did he believe?

For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. **(John 20:9 NKJV)**

He believes that God had took Him. Because God had already took Enoch, Moses, and Elijah.

Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. **(Genesis 5:21, 22 NKJV)**

Enoch was the seventh generation from Adam. Methuselah name means " at his death the breaking forth of water". Methuselah dies in the year that Noah finishes the ark.

The tomb is a womb, maybe then what you are going through is a preview of something new that is about to begin in your future. Every saint has a past, but every sinner has a future.

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **(John 20:19-22 NKJV)**

You can't believe in the resurrection, just because the tomb is empty. This is the fifth appearance of Jesus. I want you to notice **John 20:19**, this is the same day in the evening. Jesus had spent the day with His Father.

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **(Hebrews 9:12-14 NKJV)**

In **verse 22**, this is when the church began.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. **(I Corinthians 15:6-8 NKJV)**

He only appears to those that love Him. Has He appeared to you lately?