

"LIGHT OF THE WORLD" . . . A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Jesus Appears to Mary

John 20:11-18 Pew Bible – Page 592

(Large print edition available at the table on both sides of the Worship Center)

- The only historically plausible explanation for why women are in the gospel accounts as the first witnesses of the risen Christ is that _____!
- Mary as the first witness is one of the best evidences for the _____ of Scripture and the empty tomb.
- Jesus called Mary by her _____ and she was instantly transported from a Friday kind of sorrow into the glory of Resurrection Sunday.
- The glory of John 20 is that God raised His Son from the dead to save us from the sin that is killing us and from spending eternity, including _____, separated from the One who loves us.

Why are you weeping?

We must process our sorrow over _____ and misunderstanding in light of Jesus' resurrection.

We must process the _____ of men and the sorrow they create in light of Jesus' resurrection.

We must process even the sorrow from the _____ of those we love in light of Jesus' resurrection.

Who are you seeking?

We seek the _____ Savior.

Only a crucified Savior could pay for our sins and grant us forgiveness.

We seek the _____ Savior.

Only a risen Savior could offer us life and make us brothers.

We seek the _____ Savior.

Only an ascended Savior could reign bodily, intercede continually, return physically, all while dwelling within us by His Holy Spirit in order to make us one.

When we process our sorrow in light of the resurrection and when the Jesus we seek is the risen Lord, then just like He did for Mary, He turns our sorrows into _____!

Who are you telling?

If you've heard Jesus call your name, then you are part of the mission to _____ the world.

Response

- Who can I _____ that the tomb is empty – that Jesus is risen – that everything in life can change?
- What sorrow do I need to see _____ the lens of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the sovereignty of God the Father?
- Am I doing life as if Jesus makes no difference in the _____ or am I seeking and celebrating a crucified, risen, and ascended Savior?



EXPERIENCE FAITH

Encounter God

MATTHEW 18:20

Experience God Together

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Empty Self

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

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OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE FAITH

Welcome to each of our guests! Thank you so much for coming. We hope you are blessed today and will come again very soon. It would help us greatly if you will complete the tear-off section of this bulletin and turn it in after the service at the E³ Central desk in the main foyer or in the offering stands at the exit doors. We have a gift at E³ Central for each first-time guest and will follow up with you by telephone.

Pray For Israel and Ukraine

In Pastor Craig's absence today, Minister of Discipleship Brett Storseth will be preaching. Pray for Brett and for Pastor Craig, who will return to the office Monday.

Baptism

Minister of Youth and Missions Caleb Parrish will be conducting our baptisms today as these individuals publicly demonstrate their commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We will view testimony videos in both services and baptisms in the 11:00 a.m. service.

Overseers

We are grateful for our overseers and the role they fill in leading our church to follow God's direction. Brett Storseth and deacon chairman Barry Plaxco will express our church's appreciation to these leaders today.

Preteen Camp

Our preteen group leaves for summer camp at Camp Copass in Denton on Monday. 15 children and 3 sponsors will attend. Would you be praying that the kids would know the God who made them and formed them so well?

Youth Mission Trip

Sixteen of our youth along with four sponsors leave tomorrow morning on a mission trip to help with disaster relief in Burnet County, Texas. They return Saturday. Pray for them as they travel, work, minister in Jesus' name, and then return to us safely Saturday.

To assist in contributing to our church as God leads you.



Experience God Together with Us

- 8:00 a.m. Streaming of last week's sermon available online
- 8:15 a.m. Blended Worship in the Worship Center
- 9:45 a.m. Small Group Sunday School classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center

Stewardship Update and Invitation

Two weeks ago, Brett Storseth led us, first, to celebrate many of the exciting events in both the life of our ministries and individual members over the past couple of months - and we continue to rejoice in the Lord moving among us! Second, he challenged us to be aware of two things: the financial status to-date of our ministry and a comparison of those who 'come and give' versus those who 'just come.' As an update, our expenditures to-date fueling everything happening at Faith are at 84.14% and the tithes and offerings we received to-date are at 73.15% of our budget. And in explanation of what Brett showed us visually, so far this year out of everyone we have a record of attending worship, roughly 39% have also given financially in some amount to support God's Kingdom work at Faith. Finally, **as a reminder - and an invitation - just imagine what the Lord might do if together we pursued a goal of a hundred percent of our members becoming regular givers!** Thank you for your faithfulness and thank you to those ready to join that group!

Thank You

We are grateful for our Kitchen Crew for last Sunday's fellowship lunch in the Family Life Center. Your love and hard work are appreciated.

Parenting Class

Our intentional parenting class will not meet this evening due to Preteen and Youth Mission trip groups leaving tomorrow morning. The class will resume next Sunday, July 19.

Minister of College

In light of our Minister of College and Young Adults' departure to pastor in McAlester, Oklahoma, beginning July 15 Minister of Youth and Missions Caleb Parrish will supervise Interim College Minister John Tunnell, one of our newer church members. Our Youth Ministry Intern Julian Jimenez will assume additional duties under Caleb's supervision. Our overseers who serve on the Missions/Ministry/Evangelism Council will assume MME council coordination duties in Caleb's place during this interim time. The overseers will continue to plan for future leadership to strengthen these important ministry areas of our church.

Parent Room to assist parents with restless children, the Parent Room is to your right as you sit in the Worship Center. Sound, windows into the Worship Center, and subdued lighting are available.

E³ Central is located in the Rhea Road foyer outside the Worship Center. It is the place to go for information about preschool, children's, youth and adult activities and all things in church life.