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John 20:11-18

Mary Magdalene lingered at the empty tomb. Peter and John returned to tell the other disciples what they found. Mary's eyes filled with tears. Her grief was perhaps compounded by the apparent loneliness of that place.

Bending low, Mary looked inside the quiet tomb. Seated where Jesus' body once lay were two divine messengers. They asked, "Woman, why are you crying?" (v. 13). The greatest event in all history had just happened. God had raised His only Son from the dead, the curse of sin was broken, and salvation was now available to all who would believe!

Another figure approached. This One seemed quite human, a gardener perhaps. He asked Mary the same question and received a similar response. He said one word, and her life changed forever: "Mary."

Jesus encounters us in our broken, lonely, and grief-stricken places. When we pour out our hearts to Him, He calls us by name and commissions us, along with Mary, to go and tell others. The tomb is empty, the Savior has risen!

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