

The Hour of Risen Glory

Read: John 20:1-18

Main idea: Jesus' resurrection transforms His hour of suffering into eternal glory, calling us to encounter and proclaim Him as the risen Lord.

Key Verses: "Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned and said to him in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (**John 20:16-17 ESV**)

Key Principles:

- The empty tomb testifies to Jesus' victory over death, urging us to seek Him with faith and urgency, trusting His risen power.
- The resurrection's evidence—Scripture, grave clothes, witnesses—grounds our belief in Christ's triumph, dispelling doubt.
- Encountering the risen Jesus personally shifts us from grief to joy, transforming our lives through His intimate call.
- Jesus' resurrection body, though transformed, is physical, affirming the reality of His victory and our future hope.
- Responding to Jesus' resurrection with faith and obedience shapes our identity as God's children and fuels our mission.
- Easter calls us to invite others to meet the living Christ, sharing the hope of His glory with a world in need.

Discussion:

1. What drives you to seek Jesus when life feels dark or confusing? How does the empty tomb challenge you to trust Him even when answers aren't clear?
2. What evidence—Scripture, answered prayers, or changed lives—has convinced you of Jesus' resurrection? How can we share this evidence with skeptics in our lives?
3. When has grief or fear blinded you to Jesus' presence? How have you seen God turn your tears into triumph?
4. How has Jesus called you in a personal way—through a moment, a verse, a conviction? Why is encountering Him personally vital for faith?
5. What does it mean for you to be sent by Jesus today? How can you balance worshipping Him with sharing His message, especially in tough settings?
6. How does Jesus' victory give you hope in your current struggles? Why is it urgent to share this hope now?

Prayer:

- Pray that we would trust in God's resurrection power in our darkest moments.
- Pray for:
 - Open eyes to see the evidence of His life to strengthen our faith and witness.
 - God to transform our grief into joy, equipping us to share Him.
 - Those far from Christ to meet Him, responding in repentance and faith.

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| I. | <u>Seek</u> Jesus in His risen <u>power</u>. | 20:1-10 |
| 1. | <u>Run</u> to the <u>empty</u> tomb. | 20:1-4 |
| 2. | <u>See</u> the <u>evidence</u> of life. | 20:5-10 |
| II. | <u>Meet</u> Jesus in His risen <u>presence</u>. | 20:11-16 |
| 1. | Move from <u>tears</u> to <u>triumph</u> . | 20:11-13 |
| 2. | Change from <u>searching</u> to <u>seeing</u> . | 20:14-16 |
| III. | <u>Proclaim</u> Jesus in His risen <u>mission</u>. | 20:17-18 |
| 1. | You have been <u>sent</u> . | 20:17 |
| 2. | You must <u>respond</u> . | 20:18 |

NEXT WEEK:
A Change of Heart
2 Corinthians 3:1-6