

GOSPEL *of* JOHN

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THE RESURRECTION STORY REVEALS A GOD OF SURPRISES

Surprising element 1:

The reality of the death and bodily
resurrection of Jesus

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Surprising element 2:

Believing women give the first testimony

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Surprising element 3:

The reality of situation is not glossed over
the emphasis is on Mary crying (vv. 11, 13, 15)

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Surprising element 4:
appearance of angels

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The two angels? A reminder of the cherubim on the ark of the covenant the mercy seat of Exodus 25:17-19.
A new mercy seat, a new and living way into the presence of God (Heb 10:19-20)

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As soon as we abandon ourselves to
God and do the task He has placed
closest to us, He begins to fill our
lives with surprises.

— *Oswald Chambers* —

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Confirmation of the truth of the Gospel:

“I told you the most important part of the message exactly as it was told to me. This part is: Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say. He was buried, and three days later he was raised to life, as the Scriptures say.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Romans 1:4 this was God's plan

He was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 24:27 Road to Emmaus: death was not a horrible accident

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John is making a spiritual point in his use of the word “seeing” in this passage.

Seeing: 3 different words for seeing in this passage

John 20:5 - to glance, look in

John 20:6 - to look carefully and observe

John 20:8 - to perceive something, have an intelligent understanding

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If we look with the eyes of faith we can see God at work:

Romans 4:19-21 *Abraham faced the fact, but was strengthened in his faith, believed the promise*

**UNLESS WE FACE THE FACTS WE CAN NEVER RECEIVE
THE PROMISE**

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God is able to get us to our place of destiny

“In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.” Exodus 15:13 NIV

“The Lord has made everything for his own purposes” Proverbs 16:4 NLT

“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.”

Ephesians 1:4 MSG

“I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born.”

Isaiah 44:2 CEVUK

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It is amazing where God will take you when you are willing to follow. Life is full of surprises when we choose mystery over security.

— *Erwin McManus* —

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Why does Jesus not permit Mary to cling to him? Is Jesus being insensitive to her?

- This was not going to be her last meeting so no need to hang on, 40 days of various appearances.
- A new relationship has come into being
- You have a new assignment

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Early in the Gospel Jesus been very active, He says the Father is always working.

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

John 5:17

The work of Jesus brought him in to conflict with religious leaders:

“The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”” “Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.””

John 2:18-19

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“This is what the LORD says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: ‘I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea.’”
Isaiah 48:17-18

EHS Quote - The degree to which we are willing to give Jesus access to what is deeply beneath the surface in our lives is the degree to which we will experience freedom in Him.

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CONCLUSION: How should we respond?

An opportunity to physically stand up to affirm your faith in the Resurrected Lord based on scripture.

- *Romans 4:19-21*
- *Job 23:10*
- *Romans 8:11*
- *Psalms 138:8*
- *Habakkuk 2:3*
- *Habakkuk 3:17-19*

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