



Observation: What does the text say?

- **v.1:** **Mary Magdalene** came to the tomb early, while it was still **dark**. The stone had been taken away.
- **vv.5–8:** **Peter** and **John** saw the linen cloths *folded*. The other disciple saw and **believed**.
- **v.9:** The two disciples did not understand the Scripture; that he must rise from the dead.
- **v.10:** Then the disciples went back to their *homes*.
- **v.16:** **Jesus** said to her, “**Mary**.” She turned and said, “*Rabboni!*” She recognized him by **voice**, not by sight.
- **v.18:** **Mary** went and announced, “**I have seen the Lord.**” From tears to testimony.
- **vv.27–28:** **Jesus** said to **Thomas**, “Put your finger here.” **Thomas:** “**My Lord and my God.**”
- **v.29:** “**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**”

Scriptures: John 20:1–29; John 12:16; John 20:31; Hebrews 11:1; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4

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Interpretation: What does it mean?

Belief comes before understanding

- The disciples saw and **believed**. Yet, they did not yet understand.
- You do not need all the answers to believe in **Christ**.

John 20:8–9; John 12:16; Hebrews 11:1; 2 Corinthians 5:7

The voice of God transforms tears into testimony

- **Mary** did not recognize **Jesus**. When **Jesus** said her name, she knew immediately. In the same way, Christ calls **your** name.
- In five verses, Mary goes from. “I do not know” to “**I have seen the Lord**.” | Believing in **Christ** transforms our lives.

John 20:11–18; John 10:27; Isaiah 43:1; Romans 10:17

Blessed are those who have not seen

- **Thomas**: went from “Unless I see... I will never believe.” To “**My Lord and my God**.”. **Jesus** met him where he was at.
- In the same way, **Christ** meets us where we are.

John 20:24–29; John 20:31; 1 Peter 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:7

Application: How should we live?

Believe even when you don't understand

- The tomb is empty. **Jesus is risen**. Believe in the simple Gospel: **Jesus** died, was buried, and rose again. *1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Romans 10:9; Mark 9:24*

Grow in understanding from belief

- Growth in **Christ** comes through the Word, through community, through worship. We are **all** a work in progress.

John 20:19–20; Luke 24:27; 2 Peter 3:18; Colossians 1:10

Go and tell the world that Jesus lives

- **Mary** went and proclaimed. Your story matters. Tell the world that **Jesus** lives.
- Who will hear that **Jesus** is alive because you told them?

John 20:18; John 20:31; Acts 4:20; Matthew 28:19–20

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