Tokyo Baptist Church

RESURRECTION WEEKEND



Week of March 31 – Why Are You Crying? Special Small Group Lesson

Connect

Why do “turn-arounds” often make history?

Verses - John 20:1-17 (CSB)

1 On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she went running to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, “They’ve taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him! ” 3 At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. 5 Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then, following him, Simon Peter also came. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. 7 The wrapping that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself. 8 The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then also went in, saw, and believed. 9 For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. 11 But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 She saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus’s body had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? ” “Because they’ve taken away my Lord,” she told them, “and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” 14 Having said this, she **turned around** and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus. 15 “Woman,” Jesus said to her,“why are you crying? Who is it that you’re seeking? ” Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you’ve carried him away, tell me where you’ve put him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” **Turning around**, she said to him in Aramaic, '“Rabboni! ”' – which means “Teacher.” 17 “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus told her,“since I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”

Study

❖ **Today's Text**

- ➢ Who is the "main character" in this story?
- ➢ What is her relationship to Jesus? (Luke 8:1-3)
- ➢ Why was she crying? What changed?

❖ **DISCUSSION**

1. How does the resurrection affirm the gospel? (Romans 6:4, Luke 24:6-7)
2. What promise do we receive from the resurrection of Jesus? (1 Peter 1:3, Romans 8:11)
3. How does the resurrection of Jesus give us hope?

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

Share

Share a time when the Lord helped make a turn-around in yours or someone's life you know.

Grow

Based on today's lesson, share and/or in prayer:

- ❖ What might you be able to confess?
- ❖ What can you praise God about who He is?
- ❖ What can you thank Him for?

Take prayer requests and pray for each other.