

SERMON NOTES

1st Sunday of Easter, Year B * April 4, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Isaiah 25:6-9 * Psalm 118:14-29 * 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *

John 20:1-18

UN-Happy Easter

John 20:1-18 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw the stone had been removed from the entrance.

So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved...

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

... then went back to where they were staying.

Mary stood outside the tomb crying.

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white... They asked her, "Why are you crying?"

She turned and saw Jesus there, but didn't realize it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out, 'Teacher!'

Next Week's Lessons

Acts 4:32-35 * Psalm 133 * 1 John 1:1-2:2 * John 20:19-31

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What do you usually do to cope when you are sad, disappointed, or unhappy?
2. Whom can you call for backup when you need prayer, advice, or encouragement?
3. Tell about a time you were sad, disappointed, or unhappy, and God helped, encouraged, or healed you.
4. Are you sad, disappointed, or unhappy about anything in your life right now? If so, what would you like God to do about it? If not, what are you happy or excited about right now?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for those people in your life who encourage and pray for you.
 - ✦ Thanking God for when he helped or healed you.
 - ✦ For God to do what you talked about in #4 above, OR thanking him for what you talked about in #4.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.