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From Sorrow to Joy

John 20:11-18

I. We Weep Because of Sorrow (vv. 11-13)

A. The _____ deeds of people cause sorrow (v. 11a)
[Lk. 8:2; Ps. 1; 30:5; 126:5]

B. Focusing on the _____ of a loved one causes sorrow (v. 11b)
[Jn. 19:30; Lk. 23:46; Eccl. 3:4; Mk. 9:31; 1 Thes. 4:13-14]

C. Disappointments and _____ of life cause sorrow
(vv. 12-13) [Lk. 1:12, 29; Isa. 55:8-9; Acts 4:27-28]

II. We Have Hope Because of the Resurrection (vv. 14-16)

A. Do not become fixated on the _____ (v. 14)
[Lk. 24:28-32]

B. Interact with the God of the _____ (v. 15)
[Isa. 61:1; Rev. 21:4]

C. Listen for the _____ of Jesus (v. 16) [Jn. 10:27-28]

III. We Have a Responsibility to Live Life on Mission (vv. 17-18)

A. Do not cling to a _____ Jesus (v. 17a)
[Acts 1:3; Jn. 14:16-17, 26; Phil. 1:23; 3:10]

B. Jesus is our _____ (v. 17c)
[Jn. 15:15; Heb. 2:11; Rom. 8:17, 29; Eph. 1:5; Rom 8:15]

C. Go and _____ others what you have seen and heard (v. 18)
[Rom. 4:20; 1 Jn. 1:3; Rom. 10:17]

TAKE HOME

- Why do we so often experience sorrow when the truth of the resurrection is right in ***front*** of us?
- Have you ever had a time where you felt like Jesus was ***speaking*** directly to you through His Word? What happened?
- Who do you need to be telling about the physical ***resurrection*** of Jesus Christ?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read John 20:11. Why was Mary weeping outside of the tomb? Read Psalm 30:5 and Psalm 126:5. How does weeping turn to joy?

2. Read Mark 9:31. Why was Mary focused more on the crucifixion than the resurrection? Now read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. What should a believer be focused on when a brother or sister in Christ dies?

3. Read John 20:12-13. What are some disappointments and misunderstandings you have suffered in your life because you forgot God’s promises? (Isa. 55:8-9)

4. Read John 20:14. Why didn’t Mary recognize Jesus? How did this same thing happen in Luke 24:28-32?

5. Read John 20:15. Why did Jesus ask Mary these two questions? Was this supposed to be a rebuke or an encouragement? (Isa. 61:1; Rev. 21:4) Why was Mary so adamant about finding Jesus’ body?

6. Read John 20:16. How does Jesus reveal Himself to Mary? How do we know that Mary recognizes Jesus? (John 10:27-28)

7. Read John 20:17-18. What is happening in these verses? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus calls you His brother? How are we like Mary to be living life on mission? (Rom. 4:20; 1 Jn. 1:3; Rom. 10:17)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on this passage?

*“Let us be content to have Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith...
and to wait for the real presence of Christ’s body till He comes again.
What we really need is not His literal flesh, but His Spirit.”*

- J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*