

Easter Sunday

Jesus Finds Us Where We Are

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Jesus overcomes every obstacle to be with us where we are.

Key Scriptures

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying.
John 20:11

*"They have taken my Lord away," she said,
"and I don't know where they have put him."*
John 20:13

*At this, she turned around and saw Jesus
standing there ...* John 20:14

*On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the disciples were together, with the
doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders ...*
John 20:19a

*Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you!"* John 20:19

For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons, neither the
present nor the future, nor any powers,
neither height nor depth, nor anything else in
all creation, will be able to separate us from
the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39

**Jesus found me through all my yesterdays, so
I choose to trust Him with all my tomorrows.**

Start talking.

- What have you been angry about?
- What has been confusing?
- What food has been most tempting?

Start thinking.

- Read John 20:11-16. What all had Mary lost? What was her sadness anchored in?
- Of all people, why did Jesus choose to reveal himself first to Mary?
- Read John 20:19-20. What fears were swirling in the minds of the disciples? What did they think could happen to them?
- What is the "peace" that Jesus offered them?
- How does His peace differ from the peace the world offers?

Start sharing.

- Have you experienced Jesus finding you in sadness and/or fear? If so, explain.
- What has made you sad and fearful during this time?
- How does His offer of "Peace" impact your circumstances?

Start doing.

- Write down what makes you sad and what makes you fearful. Next to each, write, "Peace He gives me."
- Write Romans 8:38-39 on an index card. Place it somewhere prominent in your house. Commit to memorize it this week.

Closing prayer.

Lord Jesus, this continues to be so much. Help me cling to the peace you offer in the midst of this storm. Thank you that you overcome all obstacles, that you press in to my life through sadness and fear. Thank you that you have found me...over and over again. I praise you that there is nothing in all creation, there is nothing in this crisis, that can ever separate me from your love! I believe in you, I trust you, and I thank you for always seeing me, knowing me, and loving me.