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Woman, Why Weepest Thou?

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John 20:11-18

I. Via intro.
   A. 7 statements from Cross - show love.
   B. 7 Post Cross Resurrection statements - increase faith.
   C. 7 has a sense of completion.

Matt. 28:5-6 "Fear not ye .. he is not here: for he is
1. 40 days.
2. Co. of disciples, 11 X to them.
3. 3 X after ascension.
   a.) Stephen Acts 7:56.
   b.) Paul Acts 9:5
   c.) John Rev. 1:13-18

D. Resurrection a true fact.
   1. Fled crucifixion for fear of lives - surely would
      not go to tomb!
   2. Fisherman overcome Roman guards?
   3. If stolen - 1st appearances private ones?
   4. Hard to convince followers it was to be.
   5. Yet it came!

Jn. 10:17-18 "Therefore doth my Father love me, beca
   a.) 3 days of Jonah (Matt. 12:40).
        I lay down my life
   b.) Not see corruption.
   c.) Temple (John 2:19-21)

II. His 1st Appearance - Mary Magdalene.
   A. Picture Mary at tomb.
      1. Sabbath over Sat. nite.
      2. Joseph buried him - 100# spice.
      3. What more could she do?
4. Came "very early" (Lu. 24:1) "While yet dark" (John 20:1)

B. There she waited.
   1. Waiting is hard.
   2. Did she wait at the cross?
   3. Watched burial.

Mk. 15:47 "And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother
   4. Waited for the sealing by Romans.
   5. 1st to see him.

Prov. 8:17 "Those that seek me early shall find me."
   6. Waited 3 days.

C. There she wept.
   1. Angel 1st spoke - "Woman, why
   2. Earlier she:
      a.) Stood.
      b.) Wept.
         1.) Bitter sorrow.
         2.) Loss of Christ her greatest agony.
      c.) Stooped down.
      d.) Saw 2 angels in white - sitting at head & foot.
         1.) White symbol of holiness, joy, purity, victory
   3. Why is always a searching question.
   4. Taken away my Lord.
      a.) Uses Him 3X.
      b.) Takes angels for granted & converses.
      c.) Ignorance & unbelief effect great burdens on us
         didn't know He was raised - wept because stole
      d.) 2/3 of our fears never happen.

D. Mary turns again.
   1. Saw Jesus but did not know Him.
a.) Hard to recognize all our blessings.
b.) Same body arose but could be in dim light she did not recognize.
c.) Looking for a dead body hard thus to recognize the living Christ.
d.) His followers had to be convinced.

2. Jesus uses Angel's question: Why weep? Whom seek?
a.) Turns from peering in tomb.
b.) Note "Whom" - not "what."
c.) Lord's 1st recorded words after resurrection.
d.) Agitated - turns from one side to another.

3. Thot Him to be gardener.
a.) With lack of faith we often degrade - Savior to gardener.
b.) Was He dressed in common clothing?
c.) Jesus associated with humble class.

4. Her response - "Sir, if thou
a.) Sir - term of respect but one for a stranger or an inferior.
b.) Still looking for a dead body.
c.) We see nothing but what we are looking for.
d.) I'll carry him - 100# spice + man? Strength in her desire - sacrifice is no problem - when you love you ask no qts.

E. There she worshipped.
1. 2 word dialogue - Mary, Rabboni.
a.) Native tongue.
b.) Lifted by one word.
c.) Rabboni = My great Master.
d.) Outburst of loyalty forever.
2. Mary whirls about at her spoken name.
3. Lessons:
a.) Peter & John saw empty tomb - went home.
b.) Appeared to other women.
Matt. 28:9 "Held him by ft. & worshipped him."
4. Touch me not.
a.) Can't have uninterrupted fellowship here - it's not that He objects to touching - she was clinging.
b.) Same body came from grave - I have much to do - don't delay me.
c.) Thomas could touch him.
d.) New relationship is spiritual, not physical.
e.) Touch - don't cling, hold on.
5. "Go & Say."
  a.) She announces the ascension.
b.) Disciples a new name - brothers. (See his compassion for those who earlier fled.)
c.) Right direction to religious feeling - go work.
d.) Mourner becomes a missionary.
e.) Mary 1st to announce resurrection.
f.) We've a story to tell - has He called your name

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