

WHERE is The Body? ~ John 20:1-18

→ **Scripture** Mark 15:44-47 and Mark 16:9-11

Someone STOLE the Body ~ John 20:1-9

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!"

→ **Resurrection from the DEAD was NOT a part of her thinking**

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes...

IMPLICATION

Luke 8:1-3 (NIV) ¹ After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

After ALL He's done for me - After ALL He's done for me
How Could I do Less then Give Him my Best
And Live for Him Completely - After ALL He's done for me.

WHY are You CRYING? ~ John 20:10-18

¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹ but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

IMPLICATION

Matthew 1:21–23 (NIV) ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Jesus**, because **HE will save His people from their sins.** ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and they will call Him **Immanuel**”- which means, “**God WITH us.**”

For sins to be FORGIVEN...

- a sacrifice was ALWAYS necessary
- Jesus came as the PERFECT Sacrifice
- Jesus came as the LAST Sacrifice

TAKE AWAY ??

1 Corinthians 1:26–31 (NLT) ²⁶ Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that **few of you were wise in the world’s eyes** or powerful or wealthy when God called you.

²⁷ Instead, **God chose** things the world considers **foolish** in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are **powerless** to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things **despised** by the world, things **counted as nothing** at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

²⁹ As a result, **no one can ever boast** in the presence of God. ³⁰ God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Him to be wisdom itself. **Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy**, and **He freed us from sin.**

³¹ Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.”

God Chooses the...

Foolish - Weak - Lowly - Despised

...because then GOD gets the CREDIT and Not Man

May the MIND of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling
All I DO and SAY.

May the WORD of God dwell Richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through HIS POWER.

May I RUN the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking ONLY unto Jesus
As I onward go.

May His BEAUTY rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they FORGET the CHANNEL,
Seeing ONLY Him.