**R1056 - Rumination for Apr. 27, 2025 [Still on Resurrection Day]**

The **T**heme: **Woman, Why Weepest Thou?** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Jesus saith unto her,* ***W****oman,* ***W****hy* ***W****eepest thou?* ***W****hom seekest thou?* Jn. 20:15

The **T**hots:

Intro.The Day of Jesus’ Resurrection – ***W****oman,* ***W****hy* ***W****eepest thou?* **John 20:13**

*The first day of the week cometh* ***Mary Magdalene*** *early, when it was yet dark,*

*unto the* ***S****epulchre, and* ***S****eeth the* ***S****tone taken away from the* ***S****epulchre.* Jn. 20:1

1. **Mary’s Broken-hearted Tears when She Saw the open Sepulchre. Jn. 20:11**

*Mary* ***S****tood without at the* ***S****epulchre* ***weeping****: and as* ***She wept****, she* ***S****tooped down,*

*and looked into the* ***S****epulchre…* Who was this **M**ary **M**agdalene?

* + - 1. Mary’s **F**aith in **F**ollowing Jesus. Mk. 16:9; Lk. 8:2

***M****ary called* ***M****agdalene, out of whom went seven devils –* Mt. 28:1; Mk. 16:1, 9; Lk. 24:10

* + - * 1. She knew what it was to be **P**ossessed of **D**emons.
				2. She knew what it was to experience the **P**ower of the **D**eliverer.
			1. Mary’s **F**aithfulness in **F**ollowing Jesus.
1. She Ministered to Jesus at the **C**ommencement of His Ministry. Lk. 8:3
2. She Ministered to Jesus at the **C**onclusion of His Ministry. Mt. 27:55; Mk. 15:40, 41
	* + 1. Mary’s **F**ollow-up in **F**ollowing Jesus. Jn. 20:1
3. She returned to the tomb to finish what was left unfinished due to **S**abbath.
4. She **S**et out while it was **S**till dark and arrived at the **S**epulchre at **S**unrise. Lk. 23:55, 56
5. She wanted to embalm the body of the Lord with **S**pices. Mk. 16:1
6. She had to **S**top because of the **S**abbath. Thus, she **S**et out at **S**unrise early **S**unday at dawn. Jn. 20:11

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*she* ***S****tooped down, and looked into the* ***S****epulchre,*

1. **Mary’s Bitter Tears when she saw the Removed Stone. Jn. 20:2 cf. 11** (see above)

Ct. Peter’s **B**itter **T**ears when he **B**etrayed Jesus – *he* ***W****ent out and* ***W****ept* ***B****itterly.* Mt. 26:75

Cf. Jesus **T**ears for His **B**eloved Lazarus when He found Him **B**uried – *Jesus Wept.* Jn. 11:34-36

1. **Mary’s Presumption –** that the Body of Jesus had been stolen. **Jn. 20:2**
2. Mary saw the **R**emoved **S**tone but came to the Wrong Conclusion.
	1. Mary’s w**R**ong **S**uppositions: Jn. 20:15
		* + - She Supposed the **B**ody of Jesus stolen when she found an empty tomb. Jn. 20:2
				- She supposed her **B**rethren not to believe what she said. Lk. 24:10-12; Jn. 20:3
				- She supposed her **B**eloved no more near. Jn. 20:11-13, 14
				- She supposed and **B**lundered that Jesus was the gardener. Jn. 20:15
				- She had the mistaken **B**elief that she could cling on to Jesus for life. Jn. 20:16, 17
	2. Mary’s **R**esponse was Natural and Logical. She had forgotten the **F**acts:
* **S**cripture had **F**oretold Jesus’ Resurrection. Jn. 20:9 cf. Psa. 16:10
* The **S**aviour Himself had **F**orecast it. Mt. 16:21; 17:22f; 20:19
* The **S**epulcher was **F**ortified because of it, though for another reason. Mt. 27:62-66
1. Mary **R**an to **R**elate to Peter and John. They **R**aced back to the Tomb. Jn. 20:2-10 ct. Lk. 24:11, 23
2. **Mary’s Frustration.**
3. Mary saw Peter and John **R**eturn home, but she **W**aited outside and **W**ept. 20:10, 11
4. Then Mary was **R**ewarded with the sight of …
	1. the **R**esplendent Angels, but her **R**emorse **F**ailed to make her **F**ace the **F**acts. Jn. 20:12f
	2. the **R**esurrected Saviour, but her **R**ecognition was **I**mpaired. Jn. 20:14f
5. **Mary’s Jubilation** **OR…** **20:16-18**
	1. **Mary’s Blissful Tears when she saw the Living Saviour. Jn. 20:16ff**
6. **She Recognised the Voice.** Cf. Jn. 10:27
	1. It was a **F**amiliar Voice. In Aramaic.
	2. It was her **F**ormer Teacher’s Voice. “***R****abboni*”, more personal and less **F**ormal than “***R****abbi*.”
7. Mary had **L**ost Jesus once before at His crucifixion.
8. Mary did not want to **L**ose Him again after His resurrection.
9. **She Received new instructions and clarifications -** 20:17 cf. II Cor. 5:17, 18

*Touch Me not*, lit. = “*Stop clinging to Me*.” Ct. Matt. 28:9

Because of Christ’s **R**esurrection and Ascension, there is now a new **R**elationship between…

Mary’s Teacher and herself – **S**piritual instead of Physical: *Touch Me not* Ct. 28:9

Mary and the other disciples – **S**isters and brothers: Go to My *brethren* Cf. Mt. 12:49f

Them and their Lord – *My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God*

**Conclusion**: **Mary, now that you weep no more, what Speakest thou?** Jn. 20:18

*Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had* ***Seen*** *the Lord,*

*and that He had* ***Spoken*** *these things unto her.*

Mary was an extraordinary woman, **L**ovingly and **L**oyally devoted to her **L**ord in His **L**ife and resurrection

– a **W**oman **W**itness who **S**poke what she **S**aw!

*Yes, to her the Master came, First His* ***W****elcome voice she hears:*

 *Jesus calls her by her name, He the* ***W****eeping sinner cheers.* Charles Wesley

**Points To Ponder:** *Mary* ***W****ept; Jesus* ***W****ept; Have you ever* ***W****ept for Someone you love?* Rom. 12:15