

The Risen Reconciler

John 20:11-18

A. Context: Jesus is missing!!!

1. Oh, the _____ of Jesus getting scourged and then the mocking and ridicule of the people as He went with His cross towards Golgotha! (John 19:31-37)
2. You can imagine the _____ of Peter and the other disciples as Jesus' lifeless body was taken down off the cross (John 19:38-42).
3. The Romans sealed the tomb and that was the _____ of the story. Or was it? John 20:1-10.

B. Jesus, the Risen Reconciler, could not be _____ by death. v.11-13

1. Mary Magdalene was overcome by grief; the events of the last few days had _____ her spirit and _____ her heart.
2. The problem for Mary Magdalene and for many of us is that _____ often drown out reality.
3. The good news is that truth is _____ no matter what. Jesus was not taken away as Mary Magdalene thought; He was alive and well!
4. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22—Our sin has been paid for by Jesus' _____ and we have been given eternal _____ through His resurrection.
5. Furthermore, the dark circumstances we may find ourselves in are no _____ for the Great I AM; He is alive and reigning forevermore!

C. Jesus, the Risen Reconciler, graciously _____ Himself to those who sincerely doubt so that God will be glorified. v.14-16

1. Mary, still _____ by grief and the uncertainty of her Lord being taken away, fails again to _____ Jesus and assumes He is the gardener.
2. With His gentle touch and powerful voice, Jesus _____ the hearts of those who seek Him and _____ them a new perspective that can never be dimmed.
3. Jesus specializes in _____ those who doubt and question so that God will be glorified and so those doubters will be forever _____ to believers.
4. Hebrews 11:6—We have a faithful _____ and _____ who will prove Himself to you and me if we are just willing to believe.

D. Jesus, the Risen Reconciler, has forever _____ God and man! v.17-18

1. This is the reason why Jesus came to earth in the first place; His purpose was always to _____ His Father by reconciling God and man.
2. Romans 8:12-17—We have the privilege of _____ alongside of Him for the glory of God and we will _____ with Christ someday when He returns in glory.
3. Only in Jesus can you find _____. He is the only Person who can _____ your every need, both physically and spiritually.
4. Hebrews 3:12-15—Keep your eyes on Jesus and follow Him in _____ no matter what the cost. He is _____ of all praise and He deserves all that we are.

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A. 1-horror, 2-grief, 3-end, B.-overcome, 1-shattered, broken, 2-circumstances, 3-true, 4-death, life, 5-match, C.-reveals, 1-consumed, recognize, 2-melts, gives, 3-convincing, changed, 4-Savior, Redeemer, D.-reconciled, 1-glorify, 2-suffering, reign, 3-life, satisfy, 4-obedience, worthy