

Why Are You Crying?

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Friend of Jesus / Jesus' Death; Jesus Is Buried; Jesus' resurrection / John 20:15–16

After Jesus was resurrected he talked to Mary at the Tomb. He asked her why she was crying. If they had listened to Jesus they would have remember that on multiple ocasions, he told them that He would die but be resurrected on the 3rd day. She should not have been crying. She should have ben anxiously awaiting His coming forth from the tomb. But the same is true for us today. If we know the future God has promised us, we don't need to cry in the face of death.

Death

John 19:31–35 ESV

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.

- Important for a few reasons

1. Fulfillment of Prophecy

John 19:36 ESV

For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”

1. Jesus was very much dead

- Rumors that Jesus never died

Burial

John 19:38–39 ESV

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.

- Not Disciples
 - no money

- Joseph and Nicodemus
 - honorable burial
 - for wealthy person

John 19:41–42 ESV

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

- Joseph's Tomb
 - for himself.

Desire of Ages (Chapter 80—In Joseph's Tomb)

Joseph owned a new tomb, hewn in a rock. This he was reserving for himself; but it was near Calvary, and he now prepared it for Jesus. - *Desire of Ages* p. 774

- where are disciples?
 - gone.

Matthew 26:31 ESV

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is

written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

- They are dejected
- Giving up hope.

[Luke 24:21](#) (ESV)

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel...

- Upset at themselves
 - for believing in him
 - wasting life
 - wasting time.

Guarding the Tomb

[Matthew 27:62-66](#) (ESV)

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive,

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‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them,

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“You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

- They thought
 - few soldiers
 - could guard tomb.
- They didn’t realize
 - angels were coming.

Resurrection

Matthew 28:1–4 ESV

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came

and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

- Earthquake
 - Angels
 - Soldier
 - Walk right out!
- Death can't hold him!

Resurrection of Others

- Matthew says,
 - Jesus was not the only
 - one that was resurrected.

Matthew 27:52–53 **ESV**

The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

- Ellen White adds:

Desire of Ages Chapter 81—“The Lord Is Risen”

During His ministry, Jesus had raised the dead to life. He had raised the son of the widow of Nain, and the ruler's daughter and Lazarus. But these were not clothed with immortality. After they were raised, they were still subject to death. But those who came forth from the grave at Christ's resurrection were raised to everlasting life. They ascended with Him as trophies of His victory over death and the grave. These, said Christ, are no longer the captives of Satan; I have redeemed them. I have brought them from the grave as the first fruits of My power, to be with Me where I am, nevermore to see death or experience sorrow. These went into the city, and appeared unto many, declaring, Christ has risen from the dead, and we be risen with Him. Thus was immortalized the sacred truth of the resurrection. The risen saints bore witness to the truth of the words, “Thy dead men shall live, together with My dead body shall they arise.” Their resurrection was an illustration of the fulfillment of the prophecy, “Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.” Isaiah 26:19.

- Not only 4 humans in heaven.
 - Enoch
 - Moses
 - Elijah
 - Jesus
 - All these others!!!

They Lie

[Matthew 28:11-15](#) (ESV)

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said,

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“Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

- Think about this.
 - Guards to protect
 - with their life.
- To sleep at post
 - death penalty
- Besides,

- if they were all asleep
 - how do they know
 - who took body???
- If one woke up to see
 - they would yell
 - wake up others
- Soldiers would win.
- This lie
 - like many others
 - doesn't make sense.

Corpse Thieves?

Mark 16:1 ESV

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

- They are all going.
 - Mary Magdalene comes
 - from different direction.
 - arrives first.
- Others travel together
 - arrive after her.

John 20:1-2 ESV

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

- Very first person
 - long before daylight
 - Mary alone
- Finds tomb empty.

- Doesn't know what happened.
- Runs back to tell disciples...
- While she is running back
 - to tell others.
 - the other women come
 - to the tomb.

[Mark 16:1-8](#) (ESV)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another,

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“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them,

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“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as

he told you.”

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And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- First time,
 - they see angels.

- They are shocked
 - Luke records words
 - of Angels differently:

- Gentle rebuke for
 - not listening to Jesus.

- Angels Reminds them
 - of Jesus’ prophecy
 - about death
 - and resurrection

[Luke 24:5-8](#) (ESV)

And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

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Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words,

- These other women
 - now run to tell.

- Mary tells them
 - They don’t believe.

- Just then,
 - other women come.
 - tell their story.

Utter Disbelief

Luke 24:11–12 ESV

but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

- Finally
 - two disciples
 - decide to check
 - for themselves.
- Peter and John
 - run to check it out.
- Mary runs back with them.

[John 20:4–10](#) (ESV)

Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came,

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following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple,

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who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

- They are confused
 - they don't believe yet.
- Starting to believe
 - starting to wonder.
- Peter and John
 - leave, go home.
- Mary stays by tomb.

John 20:11-13 ESV

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus

had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

- Amazing passage
 - she is talking to angels
- These angles came
 - all soldiers fell down
 - like dead mean.
- She talks to them
 - nonchalantly
 - doesn't realize.
- They say:
 - powerful words
 - Sermon Title

Why Are You Crying?

- They should have known.
 - He had told them.
- Mary is oblivious
 - talking to angels.
- But is get better.

[John 20:14–15](#) (ESV)

Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?

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Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

- Oblivious talking to Jesus
 - tear is eyes
 - blinding

- › Principle
 - › Don't allow sorrow
 - › Cloud your vision

Sorrow Turned to Joy

[John 20:16–18](#) (ESV)

Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father;

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but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

- Tears of Sorrow
- Tears of Joy
 - Everyone must know.

- She runs back
 - to tell others.
 - That she saw Jesus.
- They have seen angels
 - they have heard
 - from the angels.
- But she is first
 - to see Jesus.
- That evening
 - Jesus appears to all.

John 20:19–20 ESV

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

- All except Thomas
 - will not believe
- Jesus appears again.

John 20:25 ESV

So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

- Doubting Thomas...

John 20:26–27 ESV

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

Appeal

Belief holds on even when it seems impossible.

Faith holds on to God, even when it seems like there is nothing to hold on to.

Don't cry. Crying clouds our vision and leaves us focused on this life.

In the face of death, destitution, privation, or persecution we don't have to cry because we know how the story ends.