

## Life!

Sometimes our natural minds can blind us from the reality standing right before us! Mary spoke to those at the tomb that first Easter morning,

*"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"*

*John 20:13-17 NKJV*

When Jesus ascended that day everything changed. Jesus Christ was the First to rise from the dead free from sin. He took all of our sin with Him into the grave. But He came out a free man without sin! He did that for you and for me, that we might be made alive the same way Jesus was made alive. He paid the price for sin and, to those who would believe, He gained the authority which Adam had lost so many generations before. This is our Easter Story!

*[God] raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

*Ephesians 1:20-21 NKJV*

His death became your death. His victory became your victory. When He ascended you ascended. And now, we have been given a Living Hope.

*"...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus..."*

*Ephesians 2:6 NKJV*

Now we can enter into a new way of living, resurrection life, not after we die but the moment we receive Him. This is a High and Holy Day! Let us be drawn together into the mighty Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and may you find the forgiveness that has been prepared for you.

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