

(John 20:1-17) On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!" At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in. Then, following him, Simon Peter came also. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. The wrapping that had been on His head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself. The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then entered the tomb, saw, and believed. For they still did not understand the Scripture that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went home again. But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. She saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet, where Jesus' body had been lying. They said to her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "Because they've taken away my Lord," she told them, "and I don't know where they've put Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus. "Woman," Jesus said to her, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Supposing He was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you've removed Him, tell me where you've put Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said, "Mary." Turning around, she said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" - which means "Teacher." "Don't cling to Me," Jesus told her, "for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and tell them that I am ascending to My Father and your Father - to My God and your God."

UNVEILING OF A NEW REALITY

Jesus opened the door for us into a whole new exciting reality.

1. The Unveiling of a New WORLD

- A. The "Spiritual" world.
- B. It has physical attributes like our world.
- C. Our world was once part of the spiritual world.
- D. Now our world is quarantined away from the spiritual world.

2. The Unveiling of a New KING

- A. Jesus said He was "returning" to His Father.
- B. Jesus was always King of the World.
- C. Some follow Him as King – and others do not.

3. The Unveiling of a new YOU

(31) These [things] are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing, you may have life in His name.

- A. What does it mean to have "life"?
- B. What does it mean to "believe"?

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