

labor is not in vain" (1 Cor.15. 42-44, 58). What insight does Paul offer us on this Easter morning?

The Empty Tomb and Death Linen

The beloved disciple (John) becomes the first to place his faith in the resurrection of Jesus. He does so based upon the evidence of an empty tomb and neatly folded death linen. Which is to say that it wasn't really the empty tomb the led John to faith; it was the trustworthiness of Jesus that led him to embrace resurrection faith. Why do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus? Or not believe?

Why Do You Weep?

When I think about it, I realize that most of my tears are of the hopeful and joyful variety. I can blame this on Jesus. What makes you cry? Is Christian grief any different from the grief of an agnostic? If so, what is it? Why?

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- Four sets of adult size bunk beds
- Sofa, side chairs
- Dining room table (8' length) and chairs
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Orientation

2018

For Christians who have never been baptized or have wandered from their baptism covenant.

This four-part orientation will
Be April 15 and 22, May 6 and 13
during the Sunday School hour.

If you are interested in attending the
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Pastor Rob will be teaching the class.

Easter Egg Hunt...Right after service

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Order of Worship
01 April 2018
Easter Sunday

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Reading: John 20.1-18
Sermon: "Why Are You Weeping?"

We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of preparation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

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Also you will find, Worship folders, online giving and you can also send prayer request to the prayer chain.

COMING SOON

April 1 Easter Sunday Breakfast	9:45AM
April 1 Easter Celebration Service	11:00AM
April 1 Easter Egg Hunt	12:30PM
April 7-9 District Assembly	8:00AM
April 10 Team and Board Meetings	6:30PM
April 15 Common Meal	12:30PM
April 17 Children's Team Meeting	6:30PM
April 27-28 Youth Teen Retreat	*****

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Sermon Reflection Guide

John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there,

but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. 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 she told them that he had said these things to her.

Question for Everyone:

(1) I am Spock-like in my stoicism in that I never cry, not even during "It's a Wonderful Life." (10) My eyes well with tears all the time like I'm constantly in the show "This is Us." Where are you on this range?

Mary Magdalene

In John's Easter story Mary Magdalene is the real heroine of the first resurrection morning. N.T. Wright points out that "if someone in the first century had wanted to invent a story about people seeing Jesus (after his death), they wouldn't have dreamed of giving the (starring role) to a woman. Let alone Mary Magdalene." If you were to preach a sermon about Mary Magdalene's presence at the empty tomb, what kinds of things would you point out?

Resurrection Living

"So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your