

“A Resurrection Encounter”

INTRODUCTION: The resurrection of Jesus is a recorded fact.

- Jesus conquered sin and death on that first Easter morning.

John 20:1 – 3 women went to the tomb to complete the embalming of
Jesus ... **19:39-40**

- The stone was rolled away ... the soldiers had fled ... Mt. 27:52-53

- The tomb was open so Mary could see that Jesus wasn't there.

20:2 – Mary goes to tell Peter & John ... to establish a fact.

- *“they”* – Who? *“open tomb + no soldiers = no body”*.

- Mary was walking by *“sight, feelings”*, not by *“faith, fact”*.

20:3-4 – Everything seemed to have gone WRONG!

20:5 – John may have felt guilty for failing Jesus in the Garden.

20:6-7 – Jesus went right through the grave-clothes, which had
hardened into a hollow shell by now.

20:8 – John *“believes”* when he goes inside, but Peter is still confused –
Luke 24:12

20:9 – The Disciples didn't like thinking about Jesus' death, so they
dismissed it, ignored it.

- Heaven/Hell ... Eternity/Judgment ... won't just *“go away”!*

20:10 – Would THEY be blamed for stealing Jesus' body?

20:11 – Mary finally arrives at the empty tomb ... crying.

20:12 – She doesn't recognize them as *“angels”*.

20:13 – Mary weeps because she hasn't claimed the victory of the
RESURRECTION ... HAVE YOU?

20:14 – Mary wasn't expecting to see Jesus!

- Do you recognize Jesus as an active part of your daily life?

20:15 – Do you recognize the VOICE of Jesus ... speaking to your
heart? Don't ignore Him ... He has so much to offer you.

20:16 – When you recognize Jesus as the *“Master”* of your life, your
whole world will *“turn”* around.

CONCLUSION:

- Have you had *“A Resurrection Encounter”* with Jesus?