

# At the Tomb

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## Three Lessons at the Tomb

**John 20:1** — 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.

### I. Be Devoted to Jesus.

**Psalms 86:2** (NLT) — Protect me, for I am devoted to you. Save me, for I serve you and trust you. You are my God.

**John 20:2-10** — 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." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

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### II. Hold on to Hope.

**Psalms 33:18** — Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**II Corinthians 1:7** — Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

**John 20:11-17** — But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 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. 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? 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." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for 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.'"

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### III. Obey Jesus.

**Romans 6:16** — Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

**John 20:18** — Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

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#### Quotes:

**Matthew Henry** - *What think we of Christ? Is He altogether glorious in our eyes, and precious to our hearts? May Christ be our joy, our confidence, our all. May we daily be made more like Him, and more devoted to His service.*

**Charles Spurgeon** - *Those who do not hope cannot wait; but if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*

**Henry Blackaby** - *If you know that God loves you, you should never question a directive from Him. It will always be right and best. When He gives you a directive, you are not just to observe it, discuss it, or debate it. You are to obey it.*