

# WHY WEEPEST THOU

## JOHN 20

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<sup>15</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Introduction:

As Mary stood there weeping, she was asked by angels why she was weeping. Mary's answer to their inquiry was the reason at the moment that she was weeping. However, it was probably the culmination of sorrows over the previous days that also added to the weeping.

It is interesting that Jesus turned her weeping into joy with just one word. He spoke her name.

John 20:16

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

# 1. DON'T WEEP - HE IS RISEN

The announcements that the angels gave the women who came to the tomb, was that Jesus has risen.

The message Jesus gave the two disciples on the way to Emmaus was that He has risen!

The message to the apostles and to Thomas was that He has risen!

And Jesus appearing to Mary was declaring that He had risen!

And the message that God gives to us is that Jesus has risen!

1 Cor. 15:20

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Why is the resurrection a source of joy?

- The resurrection proves that God has accepted Christ's sacrifice for sin.
- The resurrection promises life after death. John 11:25-26

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Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: [26] And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

- The resurrection shows us that Jesus is alive so he can indeed intercede in our behalf. Romans 8:34

## **2. DON'T WEEP - WE'RE REDEEMED**

When you were born, you were born into captivity.

You were born into the bondage of sin.

You are a sinner by nature.

In order for you to be set free from your bondage, someone had to pay for your sins and set you free. This is what redemption is, the paying of a ransom to someone free.

This is what Christ has done for all of those that name Him as Savior. 1 Peter 1:18-19

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Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your

fathers; [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

### **3. DON'T WEEP - WE'RE REGENERATED**

If you have truly trusted the Lord Jesus as Savior, you have been literally born into the family of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is regeneration. John 3:5-8

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Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. [8] The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

### **4. DON'T WEEP - HE WILL RETURN**

John 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a

place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.