

Lesson XI.

CHRIST RISEN

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John 20 : 11-20—Memory Verses 11-14

11. But Ma'ry stood without at the sepulchre weeping : and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.

12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Je'sus had lain.

13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Je'sus standing, and knew not that it was Je'sus.

15. Je'sus saith un'o 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.

16. Je'sus saith unto her, Ma'ry. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabbo'ni : which is to say, Master.

17. Je'sus saith unto her, Touch me not : for I am not yet ascended to my Father : but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God.

18. Ma'ry Mag'dale'ne came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

19. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Je'sus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

XI. THE LESSON RETOLD

Kind friends took Je'sus' dead body down from the cross and laid it in a new grave in a garden. Then they rolled a great stone in front of the door and went away.



Je'sus had told His disciples that He would rise again on the third day, but they were now so sad and frightened that they forgot His promise.

All Friday night and all day Saturday and all Saturday night Je'sus' body lay in the grave.

Very early on Sunday morning, before it was clear daylight, someone came to the garden. It was Mary Magdalene.

She was surprised to see the stone rolled away, so she stooped down and looked into the grave.

What she saw was not Je'sus' body at all, but two beautiful angels, sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where His body had been.

Mary was crying, and the angels said to her, "Why are you crying?" She said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

As she said this she turned round and saw a man standing behind her. She thought in the darkness that he was the gardener, and said, "Tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Je'sus said — for it was Je'sus Himself — "Mary !"

She knew His voice at once, and answered, "Master." Je'sus said to her, "Go and tell my disciples and Peter that I am alive."

It was kind of Je'sus to remember Peter. But He knew that Peter was ashamed and sorry for having denied Him, and he wanted him to know that He forgave him.

So Mary went quickly to where the disciples were. They were all feeling very lonely.