

Why Are You Weeping?

John 20:1-18

Can you imagine the shock Mary Magdalene felt when she found Jesus' tomb empty? Peter and John were also amazed, but returned to their homes. While tears flooded her eyes as her grief now mingled with confusion, two angels and then Jesus asked her a simple but profound question, "Why are you weeping?" Sorrow over the death of a loved one is as old as time. What we do afterward draws us into the grace and power of God. These come together in the resurrection of our Lord.

Experiencing the Crushing Blow of a Grievous Loss

There is a time for grieving (*Ecclesiastes 3:4*)

Jesus felt and identifies with grief (*John 11:35*)

Jesus expects us to grieve and gives a promise (*Matthew 5:4*)

Finding Healing for the Heart in Unspeakable Pain

The God of all comfort comforts us (*2 Corinthians 1:3*)

The Holy Spirit brings the peace of Jesus (*John 14:26-27*)

We share the comfort we received with others (*2 Cor. 1:4-7*)

We have a ministry of presence (*Romans 12:15*)

Moving Forward with the Assurance of Resurrection Hope

Genuine hope is found in Jesus' resurrection (*1 Thes. 4:13, 14*)

God transforms grief into something glorious (*Psalms 30:5, 11-12*)

Peter's Pentecost sermon rests on the Resurrection (*Acts 2:24*)

The future glory is beyond our imagination (*Revelation 21:4*)