

## Quarter Four: Themes in the Gospel of John

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### Lesson 12—The Hour of Glory: The Cross and Resurrection

Thursday: Jesus and Mary

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- **Last Week:** “The Father, the Son, and the Spirit”
  - John 14, 16, 17
  - Discovering the Godhead in the gospel of John & what it shows us about God
- **This Week:** “The Hour of Glory: The Cross and Resurrection”
  - John 18, 19, 20
  - Time span of John
    - John 1 – 10 = 3 ½ years of Jesus’ ministry
    - John 11 – 20 = 1 – 2 weeks
  - The death of Jesus
    - Matthew = focuses on the fulfillment of Scripture
    - Mark = parallel between baptism of Jesus & the Cross
    - Luke = healing & salvation (thief on the cross)
    - John = the enthronement of Jesus (tied to “the hour”)
      - While Jesus dies in shame from an earthly perspective, it is actually His glorious enthronement as our Savior

**Memory Text:** “Then Pilate said to Him, ‘So You are a King?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a King. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.’” (John 18:37, ESV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** What Is Truth? (James)
  - John 18 – Jesus before Pilate & discussion of the Truth
- 2. **Monday:** Behold the Man! (John D)
  - John 18 – 19:16 – trial of Jesus; religious leaders want Him killed while Pilate wants to free Him
- 3. **Tuesday:** ‘It Is Finished’ (SQ)
  - John 19:17 – 30 – Jesus on the cross; care for His mother; finishing His Father’s work
- 4. **Wednesday:** The Empty Tomb (Daniel)
  - John 20:1 – 10 – Mary Magdalene, then Peter & John discover the empty tomb
- 5. **Thursday:** Jesus and Mary (Jill)
  - John 20:11 – 18 – Mary sees Jesus, as the risen Lord

### Thursday: Jesus and Mary

John 20:11 – 18; 1 Cor 15:12 - 20

- 9 separate instances of the **Witnesses of the Risen Christ** (+3)
  - 1. Mary (resurrection morning)

- Multiple gospels record the women going to the tomb, early on resurrection day (but only saw the angels)
    - Both Mark & John say that Mary saw the risen Lord (today's lesson)
  - 2. 2 Disciples on way to Emmaus (resurrection day)
    - Luke 24 – hearts burned within them
  - 3. Simon Peter (resurrection day)
    - Gospels – Peter went to the tomb, but was empty
    - Luke 24 – when 2 disciples returned from Emmaus – found the 11 disciples told them – the Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon
  - 4. Disciples (resurrection day, evening)
    - John 20 / Luke 24 – Jesus appeared to the 11 disciples (Thomas not there)
  - 5. Thomas & other disciples (one week later)
    - John 20 – 8 days later, Jesus appeared to disciples & Thomas
  - 6. Disciples by the sea
    - John 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> appearance by Jesus to disciples
  - 7. Over 500 brethren at once (40 days)
    - 1 Cor 15:6 – seen by 500 brethren at once
  - 8. James & all the apostles (40 days)
    - 1 Cor 15:7 – seen by James & all the apostles
  - 9. The ascension (same as the 500 brethren); Acts 1:9 – 11; Luke 24
  - 10. Stephen at his stoning (Acts 7)
  - 11. Paul, on road to Damascus (1 Cor 15:8; Acts 9)
  - 12. John the Revelator on Patmos (Rev 1)
- Jesus & Mary (John 20:11 – 18)
  - **8 takeaways of love in pain**
    - How does love handle loss?
    - How can love endure death?
    - How can love continue to hope, amidst the grave
  - Vs 11 – “But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.”
    - Mary had told Peter & John about the empty tomb
      - Now she returns to the tomb herself
    - Disciples had just returned to their own homes
      - John outran Peter – neither saw the Master – both verified the tomb was empty – Mary lingers on at the tomb



- **Takeaway #4: Love discerns the Truth**
      - She couldn't see: loss blinded her to the truth
      - She was looking for the wrong thing
      - John 8:32 (Jesus speaking to the **Jews**) – “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
- Vs 15 – “Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?’ She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, ‘Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’”
  - Jesus asks the first question – and then immediately the 2<sup>nd</sup> one:
    - The answer to why she's weeping is found in the answer of whom she is seeking
- **Takeaway #5: Love asks the deeper question**
      - Love looks beneath the surface to
        - What is really happening
        - Where we need to place our hope
      - This world is temporary – Jesus pushes deeper to eternal matters
- Vs 16 – “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him, ‘Rabboni!’ (which is to say, Teacher).”
  - **Takeaway #6: Love recognizes the Master's voice**
    - John 10:4 – “And when He brings out His own sheep, He goes before them; and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice.”
      - Jesus = the Good Shepherd
    - John 10:11 – “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.  
Jesus had just died for Mary
      - She recognizes His voice
    - \*Knowing Greg's voice – even in a crowd
      - Pastor John – whistles for Angie in a crowd
    - When we're in pain or loss
      - We hear His voice – it comforts & sustains us
        - We know He loves us
- Vs 17 – “Jesus said to her, ‘**Do not cling to Me**, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but **go to My brethren** and say to them, “I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.”’”
  - Do not cling to Me – KJV: “Touch Me not”
    - Amp: “Do not hold Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father”
  - Private ascension – different from Acts 1 (40 days later)
    - Jesus needed to go Home – to receive from the Father the assurance that His sacrifice was accepted
      - The atonement was enough; through the blood of Jesus, all could be saved

- Go to My brethren – Mary was to be the witness of the resurrection to disciples
    - In Jewish court, a woman wasn't considered a reliable witness
  - **Takeaway #7: Love enables the sinner to become the witness**
    - The woman caught in adultery became the woman who witnessed to His disciples
    - The demoniac became His witness in the Gadarenes
- Vs 18 – “Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.”
- **Takeaway #8: Love walks in obedience**
    - She could've been afraid to share
      - Would they believe a woman?
      - Would they believe a sinner?
    - He told her to witness, and she simply obeyed
  - Acts 1:8 – “...you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

### **8 takeaways of love in pain**

- 1. Love turns to the last place you saw Jesus
- 2. Love invites us to articulate our pain
- 3. Love isn't afraid to express emotion
- 4. Love discerns the truth
- 5. Love asks the deeper question
- 6. Love recognizes the Master's voice
- 7. Love enables the sinner to become the witness
- 8. Love walks in obedience