

Resurrection Sunday

Called by Name

John 20:11-18

March 31, 2024

Sermon Sketch: When Jesus first greets Mary after His resurrection, she does not recognize Him. When He calls her by name – then she sees Jesus for who He is...

- 1) How have you sought to keep your heart wide open to Jesus in this past week? (Opening Wide the Gates of Our Hearts, Psalm 24, 3/24/24)
- 2) What do you imagine was going through Mary's mind when she rose from her bed to go early to the Garden Tomb?
- 3) Mary had been at the tomb (Matthew 27:61) just days before. What confusion must have overtaken her when she arrived to find the spot where Jesus had lain, empty. What in life currently has you confused? How might the Resurrection bring you clarity?
- 4) How amazing is it to you that Almighty God has called you by name (Isaiah 43 and John 10:3)?
- 5) Isaiah 43:1-3 is so very profound. What do the promises of this Scripture mean to you? That He has promised to see you through the trials and struggles of life? That He is your Savior?
- 6) Do you like your given name? Why or why not? Jesus changes Simon's name (Matthew 10:2 and 16:18). What does it mean to you that Jesus gives you a new name (Isaiah 62:1-4, Revelation 2:17)?

- 7) Are you comfortable embracing the reality that within our own power/resources we actually know very little (Romans 1:21-23, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 4:17)?
- 8) Conversely, have you experienced the increase in understanding that comes from accepting the Resurrection of Jesus as a foundational reality for your life (John 8:32, 16:13)?
- 9) Have you ever made a diligent study of Jesus' names in both the Old and New Testament? Have you ever studied God the Father's names in the Old and New Testament? What is one of your favorite names of Jesus from Scripture? What is one of your favorite names for the Father? The Holy Spirit?
- 10) What can you choose to do to seek to live in that powerful place of "Knowing and being Known" with God?
- 11) How will you choose to make Jesus known to those around you in the week ahead?



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