

The Difference Three Days Makes
Mark 16:1-14, John 20:11-13

Big Idea! Jesus Meets Us In Our Suffering

1. Saturday Mentality (*Stuck*) (Matthew 27:62-66)

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62 The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. 63 “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’

64 So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

Saturday had no courage, no hope. (Mark 9:31)

In Mark 16:1-3, we read, 1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body.

2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

2. Sunday State of Mind (*Unstuck*) (John 20:11-13)

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

She said, “They have taken my Lord away, and I don’t know where they have put him.”

Mark 16:9 ~

9 Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

(Micah 7:18-19)

Jesus will have compassion on you.

Psalms 30:5 – Weeping may go on all night, but joy comes with the morning.

3. The Rest of the Story (*Our Hope*) (John 20:16)

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “*Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.*”

16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

- Jesus knows Your Name

Is it Sunday for You?