

Come and See – Encounters with the Risen Jesus (1)

“The Savior Who Calls Us by Name”

John 20:1–18

Introduction: Easter teaches us, the risen Jesus meets us in our confusion and grief, calls us by name, and sends us with hope to share.

I. **The surprise — The empty tomb** (John 20:1–10)

- A. **What she saw** – v.1 *“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away...”*
- *“while it was still dark.” Is more than a statement, it’s a picture.*
- B. **What she said** – v.2 *“They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”*
- *John Piper points out that Mary’s first conclusion was not resurrection but relocation*
 - C. **What they did** – vv.3–8 Peter and John run to the tomb. John sees and believes (v.8).
 - D. **What they understood** – vv.9–10 *“For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.”*
 - *You can be sincerely seeking and still growing in your understanding. Come and see.*

II. **The sorrow — The weeping heart** (John 20:11–13)

- A. **The sorrowful one** – v.11 The disciples leave, *“But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping...”*
- B. **The shining ones** – vv.12–13
1. Two angels ask: *“Woman, why are you weeping?”*
 2. Mary replies, *“They have taken away my Lord...”*
- *Grief doesn’t mean you’ve lost faith. Tears are often the language of love. Jesus meets us in our pain.*

III. **The summons — The Shepherd’s voice** (John 20:14–17)

- A. **Mary’s error** – v.14 She does not recognize Jesus.
- B. **Mary’s ecstasy** – v.16 Jesus said, “Mary.”

C. **Mary’s expression** – v.17 She turned and said, “Rabboni!” (Teacher) *It is recognition. It is relationship. (John 10): the Shepherd calls His sheep by name and they know His voice.*

D. **The meaning** - Jesus re-directs Do not cling to Me... but go to My brethren and say to them...”

1. Jesus redirects her from clinging to a physical moment toward embracing the mission and the coming ascension reality.
 2. Up to now, the disciples had been called servants or friends,
 3. But now because of Jesus finished work on the cross in place of sinners, His resurrection has changed their relationship to Christ -*He now calls them brothers.*
- The risen Jesus calls you by name. His voice brings recognition, relationship, and restoration.

IV. **The sending — The gospel witness** (John 20:18)

- A. **The message** – *“I have seen the Lord!”*
- B. **The messenger** – Mary, a once-broken follower, becomes the first herald of resurrection.
- Your story matters. Share what Jesus has done in your life. Invite someone to “come and see.”

Conclusion:

- Is Jesus calling your name today?
- Will you trust Him and go where He sends?
- This week:
 - Learn one new name.
 - Open one table or extend one invitation.
 - Share one testimony: “I have seen the Lord.”