

Greater Love: Love that Conquers Death

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Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "**Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.**"

1. LOVE THAT TRIUMPHS OVER DEATH

John 20:1

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb...

Matthew 28:6

[Jesus] is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

2. LOVE THAT KNOWS YOU BY NAME

John 20:15-16

15 "**Woman,**" [Jesus] said, "**why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?**" 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).

Isaiah 49:15-16

... I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;

Jesus said He came to, "**heal the brokenhearted**" "**set the prisoners free**"

Matthew 11:28

"**Come to me**, all you who are **weary and burdened**, and **I will give you rest.**

3. LOVE THAT SENDS US OUT

Matthew 28:6-7

6 [Jesus] is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead...'

4. LOVE THAT CHANGES US

Each of the disciples (except John) experienced a horrible death proclaiming Christ as Lord. And all they had to do was say it was a sham. But they stood firm on their faith in Christ.

BECAUSE EASTER CHANGES THINGS!