**My Jesus Showed Up**

(John 20:11-18 KJV)

*11  But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,   
12  And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.   
13  And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. 14  And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. 15  Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. 16  Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. 17  Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. 18  Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.*

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here's no mistake in our Christian religion that Jesus Christ our Lord is alive forever more. Whenever I think about His goodness and His mercy towards us, I can't but help give Him praise and adoration. In the onset of this message, I want to investigate the validity of our savior's life, death, burial, and resurrection—and build a solid foundation of effectiveness to persuasive and challenge the believers and convert the unbelievers to continue on the journey of spreading the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

So today I want to focus on the acceptance of the resurrection—not the argument of the resurrection, because until you accept the evidence, there is no such thing as an argument for proof that he lives. So let's face the fact that it's evident that there's a distinctive discrepancy between the two. I can tell you that this I believe, or that I believe, and I may talk about a distinction between proof and evidence of the resurrection, but the distinction is important. For exemplification, if I tell you I really give credence to that Jesus has walked from the grave alive, I can't prove it to you, and you can't prove it to me, because we were not there when the resurrection occurred. And even if I had been there, and I came to you and said, "Look, I saw Jesus show up," you could say to me, "That was just a figment of my **imagination** or **phantasmagoria** which means **deceptive appearances or dreams**." We would have to look the evidence. If you agree with the evidence, then it can become a proof to you that this isn't just an illusion. And you and I can stand in agreement that the subjective of Jesus' resurrection truly occurred— and that He rose from the dead on the third day morning.

When we say that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, we mean that Jesus authentically died on Friday afternoon, and genuinely on Sunday morning he personally, bodily, physically, actually, literally rose from the dead, never to die again. He rose personally—it was Jesus himself, not some substitute. He rose **bodily**—meaning that it was his crucified marred body that was raised from death back to life. He rose **physically**—meaning that he wasn’t a ghost or a phantom or a figment of someone’s imagination. To say that he rose **actually** and **literally** means that it really happened. And the word “resurrection” means that he was raised immortal and incorruptible and undestoryable, never to die again. During his earthly ministry, our Lord raised several people from the dead, most notably Lazarus. But those miracles were **resuscitations**, not true **resurrections**. Lazarus was destined to die again. But Jesus, having once experienced death and having triumphed over it, would never die again. He was raised immortal—alive from the dead—and he still lives today. That’s what we mean when we say that on the third day he rose again from the dead. And that's why I've entitled this sermon, "My Jesus Showed Up" Let's work it out!

1. **The Emotional Crying**

(John 20:11 KJV)

*But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre*

Now in order to understand the simplicity of verse 11—you would have to reflect back on verse 1, and drive yourself back down to verse 11, and in doing so get a good scenery on the events happening around you. The record is that early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple (**John the beloved disciple**) started running for the tomb. Now keep in mind that both of them were running, but the text said that John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but John did not go in.