



Have You Encountered the Risen Lord?



John 20:11-18 NKJV



Why the Question?

- When we truly encounter the risen Lord, our lives change.
- When we truly encounter the risen Lord, our perspectives and mindsets shift.
- When we truly encounter the risen Lord, we leave with specific instructions, and we leave with a message for others [the world; our generation; our family; our self].
- When we truly encounter the risen Lord, our audience is defined.
- When we truly encounter the risen Lord, we make impact.



Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord

¹¹ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb.

¹² And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

¹³ Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

¹⁴ Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus.



¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to 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 to her.



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17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and *to* My God and your God.’ ”

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17 Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”



- Jesus was not protesting that Mary should not touch Him lest He be defiled. Neither was He rebuking her for clinging unto Him.

- Rather, He was admonishing her not to detain Him because He would see her and the disciples again.



The Guards' Report

11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money,

13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'

14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."

15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.



The tendency is that when we encounter Jesus Christ, we want to remain with Him, all by ourselves.

However, the purpose of encounter is such that we be transformed, then carry the message to the world for His glory.



What amazes me about Mary's journey after encountering the resurrected Lord, is that she was given specific instructions to deliver to the disciples.



- Most disciples know too much about what Jesus Christ did before He died.
- Very few have set aside time to understand the significance and power of His resurrection.



14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



- The question remains... Have you encountered the resurrected Lord?

[When you do, non-believers and disciples will be transformed by your message].



28- 29 (NIV)

28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”



Many Samaritans Believe

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.

41 And because of his words many more became believers.

42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."



- The pre-resurrected body was tangible and resurrected body of Jesus Christ was tangible.
- Women have a responsibility in sharing the message about Jesus Christ to non-believers and disciples.
- Women are beneficiaries of encounters and transformation through Jesus Christ.



Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁵ Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said.

³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

³⁸ "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt?"

³⁹ **Look** at my hands. **Look** at my feet. You can see that it's really me. **Touch me** and make sure that I am **not a ghost**, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."



King James Bible

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

New King James Version

Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

New American Standard Bible

See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you *plainly* see that I have.”



The pre-resurrected body of Jesus Christ had blood.

[Flesh and Blood]

The resurrected body (glorified body) of Jesus Christ had no blood.

[Flesh and Bone]

The blood had been shed for us.



Benediction, Final Exhortation, Farewell

Hebrews 13:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

