

John 20:11-18

1. **A Woman Weeping at the Tomb** (*vv. 11-13*)

2. **The Gardener** (*vv. 14-15*)

3. **“Mary”** (*vv. 16-17a*)

4. **“My Brothers”** (*vv. 17b-18*)

1. What are some things that you can praise God for this week?
What are some ways that you could use prayer?
2. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling?
3. On Sunday we reflected on the church calendar.
 - a. G.K. Chesterton said, “Tradition means giving a vote to most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead.” Is this a helpful way of thinking about tradition? Does it change or reinforce your approach?
 - b. On the whole, do you think the church calendar offers us more positives or negatives?
 - c. How might we use the church calendar in a way that minimizes the negatives while maximizing the positives? (If you have practical suggestions, the worship committee would love to hear them!)
4. Considering Jesus’ personal use of Mary’s name, think about the language of “calling” in the New Testament. Read or review some of the many passages that speak of God calling us:
 - Rom 1:6-7; 4:17; 8:28-30; 9:11
 - 1 Cor 1:2 9, 24, 26
 - Gal 1:6, 15; Col 3:15; 1 Thess 2:12; 2 Thess 2:14
 - 1 Pet 1:15, 2:9, 2:21, 3:9, 5:10
 - Heb 3:1, 9:15; 2 Pet 1:3Consider what these passages tell us: if you know the Lord, it’s because God personally called *you*. How does this help you better understand or appreciate your salvation?
5. Review Titus 2:13 and 1 Peter 1:3 & 13.
 - a. If you’ve been around for the past few years as we’ve preached through these two books, how has your perspective on life been shaped by the return of Jesus?
 - b. What are you experiencing in your life, right now, that comes into better perspective as you remember the soon return of our resurrected Lord?