

## John 20:10-22

**10-13.** Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 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. 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.**"

- **Luke 24:1-4** "Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other \_\_\_\_\_ with them, came to the \_\_\_\_\_ bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did \_\_\_\_\_ find the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, \_\_\_\_\_ stood by them in \_\_\_\_\_ garments."

**Definition: "She saw TWO ANGELS in WHITE** - Luke calls them "two men in shining garments", but angels usually appear in the form of men. On some occasions, they appear exactly as normal men, but at other times, such as described in Revelation 10:1, they are quite glorious and shining, and definitely would not be confused with human beings.

- **Revelation 15:6** "And out of the temple came the seven \_\_\_\_\_ having the seven plagues, clothed in pure \_\_\_\_\_ linen, and having their chests girded with \_\_\_\_\_ bands."
- **Revelation 10:1** "And I saw still another mighty \_\_\_\_\_ coming down from \_\_\_\_\_, clothed with a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ was on his head, his face was like the \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_ like pillars of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "I do not know where they have laid Him"** - Peter and John have looked in the empty tomb and believed that Jesus rose from the dead, but Mary seems to be still confused and unsure, because **she thinks someone has taken His body and laid it somewhere** other than in the tomb. We know that Peter and John RAN to the tomb, so perhaps Mary was walking slowly back, and she arrived at the tomb after Peter and John had already left.

**14-16.** Now when she had said this, **she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did NOT KNOW that it was JESUS.** 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

- **Matthew 28:8-9** "So they departed quickly from the \_\_\_\_\_ with fear and great \_\_\_\_\_, and ran to bring His \_\_\_\_\_ word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, \_\_\_\_\_ met them, saying, '\_\_\_\_\_'! And they came and \_\_\_\_\_ Him by the \_\_\_\_\_ and worshiped Him."

**Definition: "She turned around and SAW JESUS standing there"** - John's account of the morning of Jesus' resurrection contains quite a few more details of what happened, than Matthew, Mark and Luke give us. Also, it seems to be from Mary Magdalene's perspective, which could also account for why John gives us different details. **It would seem that Mary Magdalene came to the tomb ALONE "early, while it was still dark" (John 20:1), whereas the women as a GROUP came "when the sun had risen" (Mark 16:2).** Mary went to get Peter and John

separately, before the women as a group went to tell all the disciples. Mary evidently saw Jesus in the garden alone, before any of the other women were there, although He appears to them as a group later. When Mary saw Jesus, **He told her not to hold onto Him**, but when the women as a group saw Him, He allowed them to hold Him by the feet.

- **Mark 16:1-2** "Now when the \_\_\_\_\_ was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the \_\_\_\_\_, they came to the \_\_\_\_\_ when the \_\_\_\_\_ had risen.

**Definition: "Did NOT KNOW that it was JESUS"** - There have been different opinions of why Mary and the disciples didn't recognize Jesus right away after He rose from the dead. It could have been that Mary had her head down, was crying, and just did not look up before speaking, supposing Him to be the gardener. It could be that they just weren't expecting to see Jesus, and **the last time they'd seen Him, His body was torn to shreds and covered with blood**, so they didn't expect to see Him completely whole and restored. It could be that He looked slightly different in His resurrection body, because we know from God's word that our resurrection bodies will be perfect, and Jesus as a human being may have had some physical imperfections that were changed by His resurrection. In Luke 24:13-32, the disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus, and it says, "their eyes were restrained so that they did not know Him." Maybe it was part of God's plan to not have Jesus be recognized immediately in that instance.

- **Luke 24:15-16** "So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_, so that they did \_\_\_\_\_ Him."

**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.'"

- **Read Hebrews 9:6-26** (verses 11-14) "But \_\_\_\_\_ came as \_\_\_\_\_ of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle \_\_\_\_\_ made with \_\_\_\_\_, that is, not of this creation. Not with the \_\_\_\_\_ of goats and calves, but with His \_\_\_\_\_ He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the \_\_\_\_\_ of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much \_\_\_\_\_ shall the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, who through the eternal Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ without spot (blemish, sin) to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (verse 24) "For \_\_\_\_\_ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are \_\_\_\_\_ of the true, but into \_\_\_\_\_ itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

**Definition: "I have not yet ASCENDED to My Father"** - Jesus is not speaking here of His ascension (going up) into heaven 10 days before Pentecost (Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9-11), but of **a quick trip up to heaven immediately after His resurrection**, in which He presented His blood before God, in order for God the Father to accept His sacrifice on our behalf. Jesus returned so quickly, that the other women encountered Him, and He let them cling to Him and hold Him, whereas **He would not allow Mary to do that before He went up to heaven**. He then remained on earth for 40 days, showing Himself to many of His disciples, until He went up to heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father.

- **I Corinthians 15:3-6** "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that \_\_\_\_\_ died for our \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_, and that He was buried, and that He \_\_\_\_\_ again the \_\_\_\_\_ day according to the Scriptures, and that He was \_\_\_\_\_ by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve, after that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present...."

**Definition: "I am ASCENDING to My Father and your Father"** - In this short statement is contained almost the whole of the meaning of the Old Testament sacrifices, and the work of the High Priest in the Temple of Israel. Just as **the High Priest would go once a year** into the Holy of Holies to present the blood of the animal sacrifices **on the Day of Atonement, Jesus went into the true Holy of Holies in heaven to present HIS OWN BLOOD on the mercy seat** as a propitiation (atonement) for our sins. All the animal sacrifices and all the work of the priests of Israel was only for one purpose: to point to the work of Jesus Christ on the cross, and AFTER He shed His blood on the cross, when He ascended up to heaven to present His blood before God as the ultimate, supreme sacrifice for our sins.

- **Hebrews 7:22-27** "By so much more \_\_\_\_\_ has become a surety of a better covenant. And there were many \_\_\_\_\_, because they were prevented by \_\_\_\_\_ from continuing. But He, because He continues \_\_\_\_\_, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to \_\_\_\_\_ to the uttermost (completely) those who come to \_\_\_\_\_ through Him, since He ever \_\_\_\_\_ to make intercession (pray) for them. For such a \_\_\_\_\_ was fitting for us, who is \_\_\_\_\_, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does \_\_\_\_\_ need daily, as those high priests, to offer up \_\_\_\_\_, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ when He \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_."

**18-19.** Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her. Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, **when the DOORS were SHUT** where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood in the midst**, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

- **Mark 16:14** "Afterward He \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not \_\_\_\_\_ those who had seen Him after He had \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "When the DOORS were SHUT...Jesus came and stood in the midst"** - This is one of a number of Scriptures that describe what our **resurrection bodies** will be like, because God's word says we will "be like Him" in the resurrection (Romans 8:18-23, I John 3:2). The disciples were fearful of being arrested by the Jews, so they were hiding out in a locked room. Jesus appeared and stood in their midst without knocking on the door or entering through the door in the common way. Therefore, we assume that His resurrection body, as well as ours will be, was able to pass through solid objects.

- **John 20:26** "And after eight days His disciples were again \_\_\_\_\_, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, and said, 'Peace to you!'"
- **I John 3:2** "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_, but we know that when He is revealed, \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ Him, for we shall see him as He is."

**20-21.** Now when He had said this, **He showed them His HANDS and His SIDE.** Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! **As the Father has sent Me, I also SEND YOU.**"

- **John 20:24-25** "But Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and put my finger into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and put my hand into His \_\_\_\_\_, I will not believe."
- **John 19:34** "But one of the soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_, and immediately blood and water came out."
- **Zechariah 13:6** "And one will say to Him, 'What are these \_\_\_\_\_ between Your \_\_\_\_\_?' Then He will say, 'Those with which I was \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of My friends.'"
- **Psalms 22:16** "For dogs have surrounded Me; the assembly of the wicked has enclosed Me. They \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ and My \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "As the Father has SENT ME, I also SEND YOU"** - How did the Father send Jesus? **He sent Him "anointed with the Holy Spirit and power"** and with "the Spirit of the Lord upon Him and **ANOINTED** to preach the gospel and set the captives free" (Acts 10:38, Luke 4:18). **This is how Jesus will SEND US, His disciples, with the same anointing of the Holy Spirit and power** (Acts 1:8, I John 2:20 & 27), in order to carry out the work of spreading the message of His gospel to all the world. He also said that "All authority had been given to Him in heaven and on earth" and THEREFORE (because of that) we should go out and preach the gospel and make disciples in His name. As disciples of Jesus Christ, **we have the authority to use His name in prayer and spiritual warfare**, and He has ALL AUTHORITY GIVEN to Him by the Father, and He sends us out under that authority.

- **Matthew 28:17-20** "And when they saw Him, they \_\_\_\_\_ Him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All \_\_\_\_\_ has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. \_\_\_\_\_ therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ them to observe \_\_\_\_\_ things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen."

**22.** And when He had said this, **He BREATHED on them**, and said to them, **"Receive the HOLY SPIRIT."**

- **Acts 1:5 & 8** "For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the \_\_\_\_\_ not many days from now." "But you shall receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the \_\_\_\_\_ has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**Definition: "RECEIVE the HOLY SPIRIT"** - Jesus was telling the disciples that they would be receiving the Holy Spirit very soon, on the Day of Pentecost. **By BREATHING on them, it was SYMBOLIC of the Holy Spirit** coming upon them, because the word for "breath" and "spirit" are the same. It reminds us also of when God BREATHED life into Adam - God had just made the physical body of man, and now **created man's spirit** by breathing into him.

- **Genesis 2:7** "Then the Lord God formed \_\_\_\_\_ of dust from the ground, and \_\_\_\_\_ into his nostrils the \_\_\_\_\_ of life; and man became a living being (soul)."