

The Other Side of the Cross

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John 19:33, *“When the Roman soldiers saw that Jesus was already dead, they did not break His legs.”*

John 19:38, *“Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.”*

John 20:1-10, *“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” ³ So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; ⁵ and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. ⁶ And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. ⁹ For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that Jesus must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰ So the disciples went away again to their own homes.”*

John 20:11-18, *“But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; ¹² and saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ And 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 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?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Jesus, “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 in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that He had said these things to her.”*

Clinging: to fasten oneself, to adhere to, to make close contact

Matthew 28:18-20, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

2 Corinthians 7:9-10, “You were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God. ¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

Luke 13:5, “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, “Those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus, will pay the penalty of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and away from the glory of His power.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, “I now make known to you the gospel, by which you are saved. I delivered to you as of first importance, that Christ died for our sins, He was buried, and He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

Romans 6:3, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?”

Romans 6:5-8, “If we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.”

Romans 6:22-23, “Having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, sanctification, and eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”