

“Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling” “I Pray that the Eyes of Your Heart will be Enlightened”

Ephesians 1:18

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called...

John 20:11-16

Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her. “Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. ¹⁵ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?” She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.” ¹⁶ “Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Teacher!”

- **Sorrow, Disappointment & Hopelessness** Mary
- **Doctrine, Theology, or Religion (Luke 24:13-35)** Two Men on the Road to Emmaus
- **Proof** (John 20:25) Thomas
“Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”
- **Failure** (John 20:25) Peter “I’m going fishing...the disciples did not recognize Him...”
- **Success & the Pursuit of Wealth** (Matthew 19:23-24) Rich Young Successful Seeker
That was the last thing the young man expected to hear. And so, crestfallen, he walked away. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and he couldn’t bear to let go. As he watched him go, Jesus told his disciples, “Do you have any idea how difficult it is for the rich to enter God’s kingdom? Let me tell you, it’s easier to gallop a camel through a needle’s eye than for the rich to enter God’s kingdom.”

“We don’t see things as they are – we see them as we are.”

John 1:4-5, 9-10

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. ⁵ And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it... He was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and yet the world did not recognize Him...

What is keeping you from recognizing Jesus?

What are your blind spots?

What are you holding so tight to that stands in your way of seeing Jesus?

We Have an Enemy

2 Cor. 4:3-4

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they will not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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