

**Three Encounters of a Resurrected Jesus**

**III: \_\_\_\_\_ Encounter: v21-29**

Mary’s problem was confusion and the Disciple’s problem was fear, both of which were taken away by way of their encounters with a resurrected Jesus. Even though Thomas is known as “doubting Thomas” his real problem is found at the end of v25 when he said **“I will not believe”**. But, by way of his encounter with Jesus, he went from unbelief to belief.

A. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>26</sup> **And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them:**

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Thomas’ encounter with a resurrected Jesus was also an...

B. \_\_\_\_\_ for Thomas to believe

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Perhaps today you are confused about Jesus. Perhaps you are living in fear? Perhaps you just simply won’t believe that Jesus died for you, was buried, and rose again the third day and that by simply believing on Him and His work on the cross, your sins can be forgiven and you shall have eternal life.

While our encounter with Jesus this morning has not been physical, it has been every bit as real as what Mary, the Disciples, and Thomas’ experienced. For some this morning, Jesus is calling your name that you need to be saved. He offers you this morning, an opportunity to have your sins forgiven, to have eternal life, and to get right with God. Salvation is simple:

1. Understand you are a sinner: Romans 3:10 / Romans 3:23
2. Understand the penalty for sin is death (physical and spiritual): Romans 6:23a
3. Understand that God loves you and doesn’t want you to die and go to hell: Romans 5:8
4. Confess to God that you’re a sinner, believe on Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection, and ask Him to save you. Romans 10:9-10



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John 20:11-29

Today is a great day of celebration because Jesus lives! His resurrection is what sets Christianity apart from all other faiths. And nothing has had so great an impact on the world as the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This morning, we will look at three separate encounters of a resurrected Jesus, and discover the similarities between these three encounters in the Bible and our encounters today.

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**I: \_\_\_\_\_ Encounter: v11-18**

For Mary Magdalene, the events of that first Resurrection Sunday did not start as a celebration but rather as confusion. From the time she first arrived at the tomb early that morning until her later encounter with heavenly angels, there is no doubt she had questions that needed to be answered. But her confusion ended when ...

A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ her name

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B. She realized that Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_

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With Mary's encounter of a resurrected Jesus, the confusion turned to comfort and celebration.

**16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master**

In verse 18 we are told ... **Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.**

Many in our time are confused about Jesus. Many wonder, did Jesus really live? Is He really God? Does He really love them? When Mary encountered a resurrected Jesus, the confusion ended. The fact that the tomb is empty; the fact that over 500 people saw and had contact with Jesus after He rose from the dead; the fact that Christians today, after hearing Jesus call their name in their heart, then received Him as their personal Saviour, are all testimonies that God is not the author of confusion and through Jesus' resurrection all confusion about who He is and if He has power to give life, both physical and eternal is settled.

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**II: The \_\_\_\_\_ Encounter: v19-20**

Mary Magdalene's encounter with a resurrected Jesus settled her confusion but the disciples had an altogether different problem... fear. Notice how Jesus' resurrection settled their fears.

A. by His \_\_\_\_\_  
**...came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.**

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B. by His \_\_\_\_\_  
**<sup>20</sup> And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side...**

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When the disciples encountered a resurrected Jesus their fear turned to gladness ... **Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.** Sadly, many live in fear. Fear of death, fear of not knowing where they will spend eternity, fear of what friends and family might think if they get saved.

Jesus' resurrection settles our fear. Beyond the nail prints and His pierced side, His presence in our hearts and lives is proof that He lives. We don't fear death because He has risen from the dead. We don't fear where we will spend eternity because by way of our faith in Him, we too will conquer death and be with Him for all of eternity.

2 Tim. 1:7 ... **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

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