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A photograph of a green sprout with three leaves growing out of a cracked white eggshell. The eggshell is resting on a dark, weathered wooden plank. The background is a blurred wooden surface.

sermon series

Easter 2017

Everybody
unfollowed Jesus.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still **dark**, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and **saw** that the stone had been **removed** from the entrance.

So she came **running** to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “**They** have **taken** the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have **put** him!” John 20:1-2

Now Mary stood outside the
tomb **crying**.

As she **wept**, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, “Woman,
why are you crying?”

“They have **taken** my Lord
away,” she said,
“and **I don’t know where** they
have put him.”

At this, she turned around
and saw Jesus standing there,
but she **did not realize** that it
was Jesus.

He asked her, “Woman,
why are you crying?

Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the **gardener**
she said, “**Sir**, if you have
carried him away, tell me where
you have put him, and I will get
him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She **turned** toward him and
cried out in Aramaic,
“Rabboni!” (which means
“Teacher”).

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.

Go instead to my brothers and
tell them, ‘I am ascending
to **my Father** and **your Father**,
to **my God** and **your God.**’”

Mary Magdalene went
to the disciples with the news:
“I have **seen** the Lord!”

It changes **everything** for us.

Because of the **resurrection**
you can **pray** knowing that
God **hears** your prayers.

Because of the resurrection
if you have never put your faith
in Jesus as your savior
you should **consider it.**

Who is Jesus?

He is exactly who he claimed to be, **savior** and **Lord**, and **worth your consideration.**

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin

Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face

Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are

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