

Have you ever felt hopeless? Do you know what that means to feel hopeless? It is not a good feeling. In fact, it is the feeling that there is no hope or help or solution for a problem. Could you imagine having a problem and feeling like there was no solution? That would make you feel sad, wouldn't it? It could even make you feel hopeless! In our story today we will learn about a situation in which Mary Magdalene felt hopeless and very sad, but we will also learn **how Jesus saved Mary from that sadness and hopelessness.**

It was Easter Sunday! Remember how the angel had rolled away the stone to reveal an already empty grave? Jesus had risen from the dead and left the grave even before the stone was rolled away by the angel. When Mary Magdalene arrived at the grave on Easter morning and found that Jesus was no longer in the grave she thought that someone had taken Jesus' body. This made Mary sad. She ran to tell Peter and John; who also went to the grave to see for themselves.

Later Mary returned to the grave, the stone was still rolled away and as she stood outside crying, she still believed that someone had stolen Jesus' body. When she looked into the grave, she saw two angels who asked her why she was crying. She responded that she was crying because someone had taken away her Lord and she did not know where they put him. There was a man in the garden of the grave site who asked Mary why she was crying, he also asked her who she was looking for. Mary thought this man was a gardener and she asked him if he knew where Jesus' body was. This man simply said her name "Mary" and she recognized that he was Jesus and she joyously called out to him "Teacher!".

Can you imagine how happy, how joyful, and how excited Mary must have been to see Jesus her Savior, risen from the dead? She no longer felt sad or hopeless. Following Jesus' instructions, Mary went to the disciples and told them "I have seen the Lord" and she told the disciples all that Jesus had told her to say to them. Even though Mary told them what Jesus had told her to, some disciples still did not believe that Jesus had risen until they saw Jesus themselves.

Jesus wanted Mary to share the good news of His resurrection with his followers. Jesus also wants us to share this good news with our friends and family. Think of some ways that you can share this good news with your family and friends! Here are some ideas, what else can you think of:

- Invite your friends to church or Sunday school
- Share with friends and family the bible stories you learn in church and Sunday school
- Sing songs about Jesus with your friends and family

Memory Treasure: John 14:19b Because I live, you also will live.

Prayer: Dear risen Savior, thank you for the promise that someday we will rise from the dead as you did. We look forward to spending eternal life with you. Help us share the good news of your resurrection with our friends and families. Amen.

Want to share your artwork with us?

Email a picture of your Sunday School craft to office@gsholmen.org

*We will be showing pictures sent to us on the Church Screens during announcements