

I Ascend to My Father (John 20:11-18, Acts 1:8-11)

Introduction: A summary of the events of Resurrection morning

Mary Magdalene sees the empty tomb
Mary the mother of James and Salome see the angels
John and Peter see the grave clothes
Mary Magdalene sees Jesus

1. John 20:11-18: Mary Magdalene meets Jesus

Weeping, Mary encounters the angels (vs 11-13)

Application: *Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face*

Weeping, Mary encounters Jesus (vs 14-15)

Application 1: Do not miss the spiritual by looking only for the natural

Application 2: Know how much you are forgiven so that you love much

Rejoicing, Mary clings to Jesus (vs 16-17a)

Application 1: Faith comes by hearing the word of Christ

Application 2: During trials, do not be anxious, Jesus is nearer than you think

Application 3: We now know Jesus by faith, not by sight (2 Co 5:16-17)

Commissioned, Mary shares the Gospel with Christ's brothers (vs 17b-18)

Application 1: The comfort of being a brother of Christ

Application 2: Have you seen Christ? Is He vivid in your mind's eye?

2. Acts 1:8-11: The Ascension of Jesus

Is the occasion of Christ's glorification

Is the occasion by which Christ is preparing a place for us

Shows us the glorious future of our glorified body

Enables Him to send the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower us

Enables Him to give gifts to the church

Begins His new intercessory work for the church

Anticipates His return in like manner