

# The Apostle to the Apostles



“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.”

Tim Keller



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# John 20: 11 Now Mary

**John 20:** 11 Now Mary stood **outside** the tomb **crying**. As she **wept**, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

It is love that put Christ on the  
cross and love that believes  
the resurrection.



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**John 20: 15** He asked her, “**Woman**, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”



God always hears the cries of  
the broken hearted.

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ER's are full of people with  
splinters

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while the truly sick are dying

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because Jesus has been raised  
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we are "more than conquerors"  
through him who loved us  
(Romans 8)



Take it with you...

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Allow pain to produce tears but  
never consider yourself a victim.



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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.”

16 Jesus said to her, “**Mary.**”

# Μαρία (Mary in Greek)

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**John 19:25; 20:1, 11**

~~Μαρία~~ Μαριάμ (Mary in  
Hebrew)

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John 20:16

(Maria – – – Woman – – – Marium)

Take it with you...

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Acknowledge Jesus meets you  
where you are but never be  
satisfied to stay there.





**John 20: 16** Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “**Rabboni!**” (which means “Teacher”).

Take it with you...

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Make Jesus the foundation of  
your faith (not the church and not  
other Christians)

**John 20: 17** 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.’”

**John 20: 18** **Mary Magdalene went** to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Take it with you...

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If Jesus meets you where you are,  
do the same for others.



We don't need past evidence to  
prove the resurrection

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We only need a present  
relationship with Jesus through  
his Holy Spirit.

Let the resurrection **awaken**  
love in you.





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