

EASTER SUNDAY - April 4, 2021

“I Have Seen The Lord!”

(John 20:1-18)

On that first Easter, the women came to Jesus' tomb expecting to do nothing like _____.

The surprise they experienced that morning _____ their lives, and the course of human history!

What would you do if you came to a tomb and the _____ person stepped out to _____ you?

Mary didn't recognize Jesus, but when he called her name, there was a _____ in Mary's heart! (v.16)

What was not a matter of speculation, was Mary's _____ to this humble rabbi.

How does Mary's experience affect our lives today? Are there _____ tombs in our lives into which we may be peering into?

1.- The sense of _____ that enshrouded all those who followed Jesus after his crucifixion.

We can't appreciate the _____ message, if we cannot understand that the first Easter was born in total _____.

While Jesus hung on the cross, his followers cowered behind closed _____ - their emotions a mixture of cynicism and _____.

Easter was not born in the _____ of the day. The women came to the tomb while it was still _____.

2.- We need to know that _____ is closer than we think!

This passage reminds us that, after listening to our complaint, He _____ our name!

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Easter reminds us that Jesus came to _____ us!

_____ is another way in which God whispers our name!

Your greatest ally in the long, dark night of the soul is your _____ and your _____!

3.- The _____ of Easter is a gift available to _____ who will receive it.

The New Testament was written by Jews who believed that when a person dies, he or she really _____.

Because of their experience with the _____ Christ, these Christians knew that a gracious, loving God grants _____ life to all who receive it!

As Christ was resurrected from the grave, so may you and I experience _____ life through Him!

It is the opportunity to experience _____ living here and now!

The most remarkable _____ in all of history is the _____ that took place in the lives of those early Christians _____ their encounter with the risen Christ!

Don't give up!

There is a Friend closer than you think!

He's offering you a gift – it is the gift of abundant and eternal life!

He's calling your name!