

Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017
“Do You Have Your Key Ready?”
(John 20:1-18)

Of these women who were grief-stricken, John’s Gospel identifies only _____.

It must have been disconcerting to discover the _____ already rolled away from the tomb. The tomb was _____!

When Jesus called Mary’s name, there was a _____ in Mary’s heart.

What is not a matter of speculation was Mary’s _____ to this humble Jewish rabbi.

What does Mary’s experience on that first Easter morning have to do with your life and mine?

#1.- There was a sense of _____ that had enshrouded all those who followed Jesus after his crucifixion.

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

One would not want to see a _____ die like Jesus died, much less a human being.

His followers cowered behind closed doors – their _____ a mixture of cynicism and _____.

The two nights following Jesus’ crucifixion were the _____ nights that those who loved him would ever endure.

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

(over)

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

The darkness of the moment and our tears may blind us to a _____ who is standing quietly nearby.

Christ is alive...and because he’s alive we discover that the sun _____ again and joy comes back into our lives!

The rhythm of nature declares not only the glory of God but the victory of life over death, _____ over despair, _____ over darkness, and _____ over fear!

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

#3.- The victory of Easter is a _____ available to anyone who will receive it.

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

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

Has Easter made a difference in your life?

Jesus is offering you a gift – it’s the **key** to your tomb! It is the gift of abundant and eternal life. And it is available to you!

Do you have your KEY ready?