

Destination Easter!

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1. _____.

"Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

Mark 16:1-3 (NLT)

2. _____ = Sorrow

"They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

John 20:2b (NLT)

3. _____.

A. Jesus came to those who _____.

"Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. ¹⁵ "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." ¹⁶ "Mary!" Jesus said."

John 20:11-16a (NLT)

B. Jesus came to those who were _____.

"That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19-21a (NLT)

C. Jesus came to those who _____.

"One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." ²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

John 20:24-27 (NLT)

D. Jesus came to those who _____ away.

"That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶ But God kept them from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?' They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ¹⁸ Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, 'You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days.' ¹⁹ 'What things?' Jesus asked. 'The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth,' ...Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, ²⁹ but they begged him, 'Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.' So he went home with them. ³⁰ As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! ³² They said to each other, 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?'"

Luke 24:13–19, 27–32 (NLT)

E. Jesus came to those who were _____.

"Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. ² He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains. ³ As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?' ⁵ 'Who are you, lord?' Saul asked. And the voice replied, 'I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! ⁶ Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'"

Acts 9:1–6 (NLT)

Three Truth Takeaways:

- 1. Jesus is _____ for you!**
- 2. He finds you were you _____.**
- 3. He never _____ you.**

"... And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20b (NLT)

How?

"He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."

John 1:10–12 (NLT)