

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why had Mary come to the tomb early that morning?
2. Why did Mary not recognize Jesus?
3. Can we be in the presence of the Lord and still not recognize Him or know Him?

SUMMARY:

Even though the disciples and followers had spent much time walking and talking with Jesus, they could not understand His plan. They were very shocked to go to His grave and find Him gone. Many people today read God's Word and try to follow His commandments but have very little strength over sin because they fail to recognize the risen Lord.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

April 5, 2026

Second Quarter

THE RESURRECTED CHRIST

LESSON TEXT: *John 20:1-18*

LESSON SETTING: In the vicinity of Mt. Calvary and in Jerusalem.

TIME: Approximately 33 A.D.

- I. APPROACH OF THE DISCIPLES.** John 20:1-10
 - A. Mary's Early Morning Report (vs. 1-2)
 - B. Peter and John Go To See For themselves (vs. 3-10)
- II. APPEARANCE OF THE ANGELS.** John 20:11-13
 - A. Mary Communes with Angels (vs. 11-13)
- III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MASTER.** John 20:14-18
 - A. Mary Fails to Recognize the Master (vs. 14-15)
 - B. Jesus the Risen Savior (vs. 16-17)

GOLDEN TEXT: *I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH, AND THAT HE SHALL STAND AT THE LATTER DAY UPON THE EARTH.*

Job 19:25

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 13:1-17

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Samuel 16:5-14;
Philippians 2:1-11;
1 Peter 2:18-24; 5:5-6;
1 John 2:6

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of God

TOPIC: CHRIST DEMONSTRATES HUMILITY

INTRODUCTION:

Christ Jesus is the ideal for every man. If He had not come down to this little planet, divesting Himself of His divine and matchless glory, to live in lowliness and poverty among the poorest of men, He could not have been our model and guide for all generations. If He had chosen to live on earth as an esteemed wise man, or a wealthy personage—which would have been his prerogative—His earthly life would not have been the ordeal that it was, but neither would His influence have radiated to all men. The perspective of the ages has revealed increasingly more that the plan of salvation was flawlessly conceived and executed, although at the time, His life appeared to the undiscerning to be a series of unexpected and often times unfortunate incidents culminating in tragedy. The humility that He demonstrated in so many ways leaves no doubt as to our responsibility in displaying this virtue.

He is the ultimate source of grace that enables us to live out this life. If He had not shown us how to live the Christian life in the purest sense, and then given us His Holy Spirit to aid us, He could not have commanded us to follow His steps. Because He has taken care of the “willing and the doing,” we can live closer to God. Our part is to simply yield to the divine will for humility as for every other precious fruit of the Spirit.

CENTRAL TRUTH: By humbly serving others, we follow the example of Christ.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU.* John 13:15

The opening verse of the Book of the Acts reads, “The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began, both to do and teach.” Note the order: first to do, then to teach.

How much more effective our witnessing might be if we first would do, and then teach others. It is not enough that we tell others how to live, but we need to show them how. It is an elementary principle that pupils learn much more quickly when they are shown how to do things than only to be told how.

Since Christ was and is our example, He asks that we in His stead set the example of a dedicated God-honoring life. Each one can do this by His grace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 6 – 12

Mon. Humility Encouraged. Daniel 4:19-27
Tue. Humility Learned. Daniel 4:28-37
Wed. Humility Needed. Matthew 20:20-28
Thu. *Humility Demonstrated. John 13:1-10
Fri. *Humility Taught. John 13:11-17
Sat. Humility Commended. Luke 18:9-17
Sun. Humility Rewarded. Matthew 15:21-28

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