

RENEWED HOPE

John 20:1-18

- ***Hope*** **is one of life's most essential qualities, while hopelessness is a great struggle for many people in our world.**
- **Since Jesus lives today, there is always hope regardless of the challenges we're facing or will face in life (John 20:1-18).**

Since Jesus Is Alive:

THERE IS HOPE FOR BROKEN LIVES

- *"Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!'"* (John 20:1-2)
- **Mary Magdalene was a woman who had made many mistakes in her life.**
- **When we surrender our lives to Jesus, He forgives our sins, frees us from strongholds, gives us a better life, and guarantees us eternal life in Heaven.**

Since Jesus Is Alive:

THERE IS HOPE FOR BROKEN HEARTS

- *"Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. 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. '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.'"* (John 20:11-13)
- **Many people, like Mary Magdalene, are struggling with heartache and heartbreak, and grief robs them of peace, joy and purpose.**

- **When dealing with broken hearts we have to learn how to: 1) Express our grief, 2) Process through our grief, and 3) Overcome our grief.**
- *"Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, 'I have seen the Lord!'"* (John 20:18)
- **Encountering Jesus Christ in new ways enables us to overcome grief and sorrow in our lives.**

Since Jesus Is Alive:

THERE IS HOPE FOR BROKEN <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u>

- Jesus - *"Go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.' Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, 'I have seen the Lord!'"* (John 20:17-18)
- **Many times relationships are broken because of various circumstances.**
- *"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."* (John 20:19)
- **After His resurrection Jesus met with His Disciples a number of times before His ascension (John 20-21, Acts 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8).**
- **The Lord can bring peace and restoration to even the most broken of relationships.**

- *"Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed - for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead."* (John 20:8-9)
- **When we really believe Jesus defeated the grave, lives today and is available to help us, we will live hope-filled lives.**
- **To find *Hope* for our lives, circumstances and relationships we need to:**
    - **____ Affirm Jesus as our Savior (John 1:12, 3:16)**
    - **____ Begin taking steps to deepen our relationship with Jesus (Baptism, Connecting with Christians, Daily Bible Reading/Prayer)**
    - **____ Continue with Jesus and His Church (regular attendance)**
    - **____ Discover God's Purposes/Plans for our lives (April 27 - May 11)**