THE REASON FOR THE RESURRECTION

Luke 24:1-12

The resurrection needs no introduction

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Main Idea

Don't settle for life in a cave

When Jesus died and rose to give you a crown

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?

⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words,

⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was **Mary Magdalene and Joanna** and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,

¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

When Mary got to the tomb

Victory was disguised as DEFEAT

Mary was looking for a dead body to mourn

She was looking for a consolation

We can miss the Message Miracle

By focusing on the MESS

With the storm rolled away And the body gone

She didn't have consolation

Don't miss it !!

She had confirmation

That Jesus had risen

Her problem

She was looking at the grave the wrong way

Without the cross There would be no crown

Without the grave There would be no glory

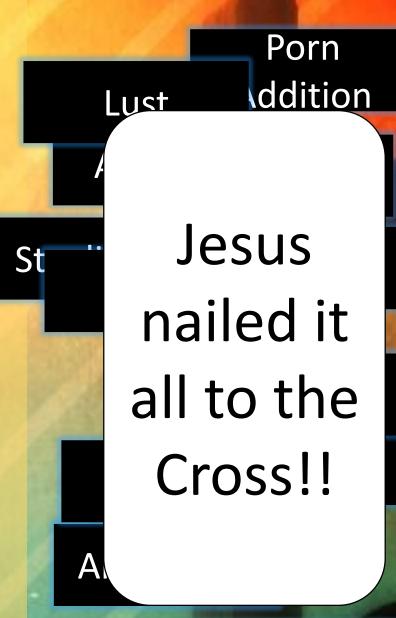
This was not the end But the beginning!



The cross gives us a triple crown

Victory over our past sin Victory over present struggles Eternal victory in glory

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14



Drug Abuse

My challenge to you

LIVE A RESURRECTED LIFE

A new mind A changed heart A fruitful life

Jesus bore your cross He wants you to bear His



We have died with Christ (to our past)

Just as Christ was raised, now we can walk in a new life

Since we were united with Him in <u>death</u>, we will be united with Him in His <u>resurrection</u>!

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his

Romans 6:3-5

Today we celebrate VICTORY

Are you wearing your crown? Are you bearing your cross? There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers here below.

Or still looking for consolation in a cave?