

# Not What We Expect

John 20:11-18

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## BIG IDEA: See and Follow the Real Jesus.

### I. See the Real Jesus

#### A. Mary expects to find a dead Jesus (vv.11-15)

**John 20:11-15** | 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”



#### B. Mary is awakened to the risen Christ (vv. 15-16)

**John 20:15-16** | 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

## II. Follow the Real Jesus

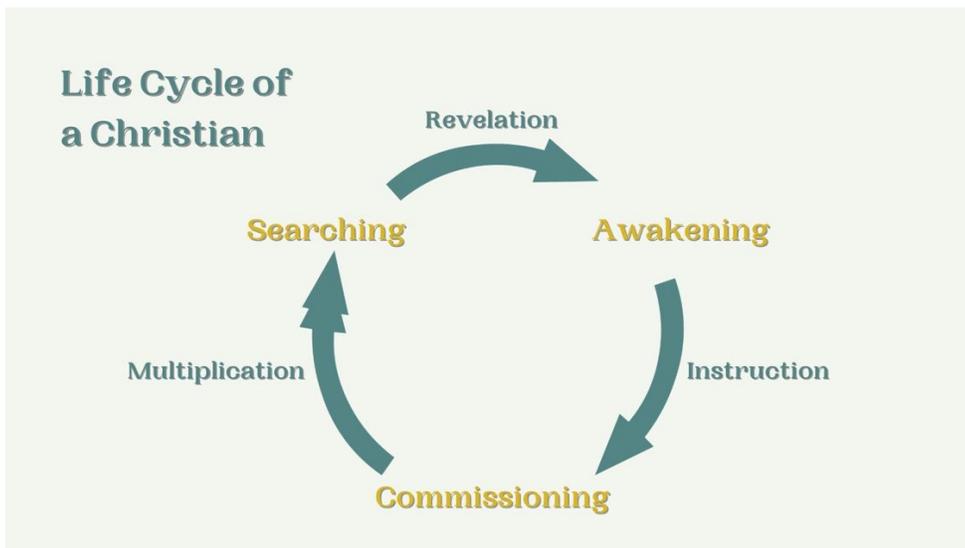
### A. Jesus prepares Mary for what's next (v. 17)

**John 20:17** | 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

### B. Jesus sends Mary to proclaim the truth (vv.17-18)

**John 20:17-18** | 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Resurrection Appearance to Mary Magdalene in John's Gospel	The Christian Life
Mary searches for Jesus at the tomb	We are found searching for a solution to brokenness
Mary is awakened to the truth of the resurrection	We are spiritually awakened and saved by grace
Mary is sent to proclaim the resurrection to the disciples	We are sent by Jesus to proclaim the gospel



## **Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.