

He Is Still With Us



by Dawn Reed
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It had been a horrible week.

What started out wonderfully, uplifting-even, had quickly turned harsh and nightmarish. Now everyone was practically hiding in their homes unsure of what the day would bring. She had put her trust in Jesus, fully believing He was the Son of God. He had worked miracles in her life and in the lives of many of her friends. His Words sometimes seemed hard to understand but she held on to them and followed Him. Now, she was just a mess. The tears came freely, leaking from her eyes, pouring down to her clothes. This was too much to wrap her mind around! She couldn't think, she couldn't understand! Where was Jesus? Where was He? All she could do was cry.

Sounds like a Coronavirus story, doesn't it? It isn't. Mary Magdalene sat in the garden confused, a wreck. She had followed Jesus-literally-to His death. So much...Did. Not. Make. Sense. She had seen His body taken from the cross. Seen it wrapped in cloths. Watched as He was laid in the tomb. John 20 tells the amazing story. "While it was still dark", Mary went to the tomb. Oh, how dark it was! I believe it had never been darker-for the Son had been extinguished on the cross. After a sleepless Passover weekend, she raced to the tomb. The place where she had last seen Him. Verse 11 tells

that Mary stood outside crying. She had questions, fears. She was confused and didn't understand. She knew someone was close by. Through her tears, she wailed, "They have taken my Lord away and I don't know where He is!" Honestly speaking, life can be hard. At times, we may not be able to comprehend what He is doing, how He is working, where He is-for the love. But He WAS there! Mary just didn't realize it. My Life Application Study Bible's commentary states, "Her grief had blinded her; she couldn't see Him because she didn't expect to see Him." In her anguish, her uncertainty, Jesus was there. She blurted out her despair. "If you

have taken Him, tell me and I will go get Him". We can voice our heartaches to Jesus. Then, the very best part: He called her name, "Mary," (close your eyes and hear it) and she KNEW! It was HIM! Her Jesus! Her Savior! ALIVE! Easter/Resurrection Day is the best day of all-even during Corona. Even though you cannot go to Easter services. Even though you are not with family and friends. Even though you don't have a fab new Easter outfit. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and then miraculously arose on the third day making a way for us to go to heaven if we put our trust in Him. Jesus is enough! He is with us! Even when it is still dark!

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seeds of Hope



Watching children grow into adulthood can be a marvelous experience. From crawling to walking, from uttering sounds that make no sense to carrying on an intelligent conversation is almost breathtaking. Growth is a gift of God and can bring blessings and happiness - especially when we grow into the likeness of Christ and share His grace with those around us. The Amplified Bible provides a rich translation of Psalm 92:14. "Growing in grace," writes the Psalmist, "they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of spiritual vitality and rich in expressing trust, love and contentment." Growth, for the Christian, is a lifelong journey.

And those who grow in His grace and are filled with His mercy have much to live for and share with others. Imagine the satisfaction of having lived a life that honors God's Word, lives God's gospel and expresses His love. Can there be anything more important for the Christian than becoming stronger in our faith, clearer in our convictions, warmer in our love, purer in our thoughts and kinder in our words and deeds as we grow older and more mature in Christ? We live in a broken world. Everywhere we look, we see people who have been betrayed by those whom they dearly loved and trusted. We see people writhing in pain and anguish as they search for someone to offer them hope and encouragement. We dare not let them down. What a wonderful opportunity God has given us. **Sower Ministries.org 234**

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

REVELATION 14:7

He **said** in a **loud voice**, "**Fear God** and **give him glory**, because the **hour** of **his judgment** has **come**. **Worship** him who **made** the **heavens**, the **earth**, the **sea** and the **springs of water**."

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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How is it that I hear this of thee?

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In the Book of the Gospel of Luke 16:1-12, is the story of the unjust steward. He was accused of wasting or misusing the goods of his master. Then, in the process of time, the message of his misuse finally reached the ears of his master. Then, we see the master, being a prudent man, called the man before him to give an answer to the charges laid against him.

Then, we see in this story that he lost his good position before his master and was in a dilemma of just what to do. I believe that this story is given to us to make us aware that all of us are under the form of a stewardship to our master, the Lord Jesus.

This is a good story, and I encourage all our readers to consider it. There are several things pointed out to us to learn and know. **First**, that God is the master of all of us and the author of all the good we enjoy, whether it be spiritual or temporal. **Secondly**, that every man is only a steward; not a proprietor, of these things we may call our own. **Thirdly**, that every one of us must give an accounting one day to God, to determine how we have used, or abused, the blessings with which one has been entrusted. **Fourthly**, that the goods which God has entrusted to us are good so the body and soul; goods of nature and even of birth and education. Also, his word, his spirit, and his laws. The goods of temporal life, health, genius, strength, dignity, or riches; and yes, even poverty is often a blessing from the hand of God. **Fifth**, that all of these may be improved upon to God's honour, even our good, and to the good of our neighbors' health and comfort. This is being shown by many during this time of the Corona virus. **Sixth**, that there is a time to come in which we all shall be called before Christ to give an accurate accounting of our use of these goods which he has let us be in charge of. **Seventh**, that even at this present time be accused before our maker who sees all and knows all. We should among those who waste our Lord's substance; even the air we breathe. **Eighth**, that if this crime can be proved against us, we will be in an immediate danger of having our place in heaven taken away from us and suffer eternal separation from his eternal glory. **Ninth**, that upon hearing of the danger to which we are exposed before an all-seeing God. The point in this story is that one cannot try to purchase his salvation; yet, he must beg, plead or confess his error before a just creator who is willing and ready to hear our confession and to forgive our sins. 1 John 1:7-58 says this is true, for his mercy is great to pardon all of our past. **Finally**, that we should not let the moment slip by us, because the surest of death may have already been sent out to us, even the very day, hour, minute; night or day. At this very time many are undergoing the act of death as we read this. So, let us learn wisdom from this message that even the possibility is, that the next one who is called may be us. Even a worldly-minded man should use this information to make improvement upon his life while there is time. Sadly, many folk have lived so long in a life of sin that the spark of eternal life may be extinguished forever. We see clearly in this chapter that there is a great gulf fixed by the Lord that separates at death to obedient saved ones and on the darker side there exists a place of torment for those who are and do neglect obeying the Lord, and once there, is not escape forever. So, why not humble yourself and obey the Lord so you can obtain your place in his heaven. Our time is fastly pressing onward and our eternity may be closer at hand than we think. So, why do not do as the first members of the saved did; repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:9-14 tells us that this is the gift of your salvation. Don't waste it! **Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local**

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

"Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart."
JOB 22:21-22

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When the man of God went on his way, a lion killed him, and his body was left lying with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it. When the prophet heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God who defied the word of the Lord. The Lord has given him over to the lion, as the Lord had warned him."
1 KINGS 13:23-30

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Corinthians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who saw a vision of a woman named Wickedness flown away in a basket by two angels? Jonathan, Dodo, Zechariah, Belshazzar
3. From Judges 17, who confessed to his mother about

- stolen pieces of silver? David, Micah, Jonah, Esau
4. What animals did Samson use to set the Philistines' field on fire? Lions, Camels, Foxes, Rats
 5. Mahershalalhashbaz is the longest word in the Bible on being whose son? Adam, Moses, Noah, Isaiah
 6. From Genesis 27, to whom did Isaac give a blessing? Jacob, Abraham, Moses, Noah

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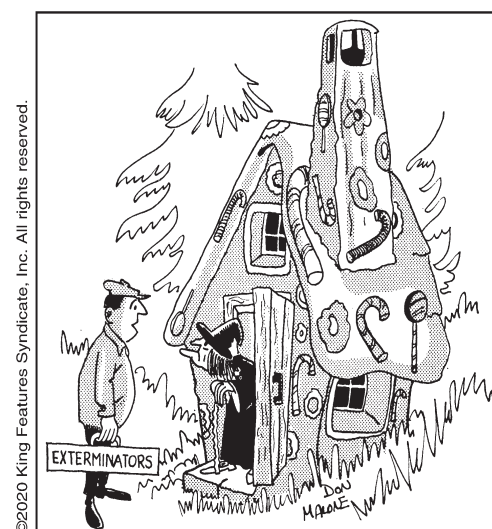
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TODAY'S WORD



"That's right, ma'm, you got ants...
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