Irony at Easter: Seeing Him Who Is Not There Anymore (John 20:1-18)

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Introduction

| Mary of Magdala Sees the Empty Tomb (20:1-5) |
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| 1 Now on the first <i>day</i> of the week Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early, while <i>it was</i> still dark, and she saw the stone— which had been removed from the tomb. |
| $_2$ So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they put Him." |
| $_{\mbox{\scriptsize 3}}$ Then Peter and the other disciple left and went to the tomb. |
| $_{4}$ Now the two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. |
| $_{5}$ So bending down, he saw the linen cloths lying, but did not enter. |
| John and Peter See the Unseen in the Empty Tomb (20:6-10) $_{\rm 6}\rm So$ Simon Peter came, following him. And he entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying, |
| $_{7}$ but the facecloth which had been on His head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded separately in its place. |
| $_{\mbox{\scriptsize 8}}$ So then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, entered. He also saw and believed. |
| $_{9}$ For they did not yet know the Scripture, that He must rise from <i>among</i> the dead <i>ones</i> . $_{10}$ So the disciples went to their own <i>homes</i> again. |

| Mary of Magdala Sees the Risen Christ (20:11-18) 11 But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. So, as she was weeping, she stooped to look into the tomb. |
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| ₁₂ And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where Jesus' body had been lying. |
| 13 And they said to her, "Ma'am, why are you weeping?" She told them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they put Him." Matt 4:6; 9:6, 16; 11:29; 13:12; 14:12, 20; 15:37; 16:24; 17:27; 20:14; 21:21, 43; 22:13; 24:17f, 39; 25:28f; 27:32; Mark 2:3, 9, 11f, 21-12 4:15, 25; 6:8, 29, 43; 8:8, 19f, 34; 10:21; 11:23; 13:15f; 15:21, 24; 16:18; Luke 4:11; 5:24-25; 6:29f; 8:12, 18; 9:3, 17, 23; 11:22, 52; 17:13, 31; 19:21f, 24, 26; 22:36; 23:18; John 1:29; 2:16; 5:8-12; 8:59; 10:18, 24; 11:39, 41ab, 48; 15:2; 16:22; 17:15; 19:15ab, 31, 38ab; 20:1f, 13, 15; Acts 4:24; 8:33; 20:9; 21:11, 36; 22:22; 27:13, 17; 1 Cor 6:15; Eph 4:31; Col 2:14; 1 John 3:5; Rev 10:5; 18:21 Underlined verses =; non-underlined ones =; |
| ₁₄ And having said these <i>things</i> , she turned around and saw Jesus standing. But she did not know that He was Jesus. |
| Jesus said to her, "Ma'am, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing He was the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him <i>away</i> , tell me where you have put Him, and I will take Him away." |
| ₁₆ Jesus said to her, "Mary." Upon turning around, she said to Him, "Rabboni" (which means Teacher). |
| ₁₇ Jesus told her, "Stop holding onto Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brethren and tell them, 'I will ascend to My Father and your• Father— My God and your• God.'" |

 $_{\rm 18}$ Mary of Magdala left, telling the disciples that she had seen the Lord and He had told her these $\it things$.

Conclusion