

## "Turn"

John 19:25-30, 38-42; 20:1-18

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**Sorrow...** anguish... despair... That was Mary Magdalene's state there at the empty tomb (Jn 20:10-11).

- It's understandable that Mary felt this way. She was perhaps the most devoted disciple of Jesus.
- We can all relate to sorrow, right? It's just a part of life in a \_\_\_\_\_ world (Gen 3:6-7).

**The narrative continues in verses 11-13.** Mary is conversing with two \_\_\_\_\_!

- Maybe *you* conversed with an angel before and didn't even know it (Heb 13:2)... Wow!

**In verse 17...** Imagine how emotional this moment was! Mary never wanted to let Jesus go.

*At the sound of Jesus calling her name...*

**Mary** \_\_\_\_\_ (v 16) and realized who He was: the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ro 6:1-8)!

- At that very moment, she's recalling Jesus' claim to be "the Resurrection and the Life" (Jn 11:25-26).

**The word "turn" is commonly used to describe the \_\_\_\_\_ experience (2 Cor 5:17).**

- Jesus called her by name. She \_\_\_\_\_ and turned and \_\_\_\_\_ and believed!

**You have two sets of ears and eyes.** One set is physical and the other is spiritual (Matt 13:10-16).

- \_\_\_\_\_ and you CAN hear His voice (Jn 6:44)!

**Turn...** Have your heart converted from the presence of a gardener, or a great teacher, or an influential leader, or however you used to view Jesus... to the Risen Savior!

- This turning is a change of direction. It's called \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 3:2).

**Maybe you already believe in Jesus as the Son of God.** In other words, you call Him "Savior". But do you call Him "Lord"? If so, what evidences in your life are there (Lk 6:46; Eph 2:8-10; Jas 1:22)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Have you heard of “The Four Spiritual Laws”?**

### **1. God loves us and has an indescribably amazing purpose and plan for our lives.**

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

### **2. We were born with a sin nature and therefore cannot experience this amazing purpose.**

*John 8:34 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.*

*Romans 3:23 ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### **3. Through Jesus’ death on the cross, we are offered forgiveness of our sins.**

*Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance<sup>[a]</sup>: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,<sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...*

### **4. God’s amazing grace enables us to **believe** in Jesus’ claims and **receive** His offer of forgiveness, and through our obedience as followers and learners of Jesus, we get to experience this amazing plan He has for us.**

*John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...*

*Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.*