

MARINERS CHURCH



Easter People Love and Forgive 3.26.23

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. Philippians 3:10

As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears and wipe them with her hair. When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, He would know who this is and what kind of woman is touching Him—for she is a sinner!" Luke 7

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." John 20

For the wages of sin is death. Romans 3:23

For sin is the sting that results in death. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?" 1 Corinthians 15

Your past story is not your only story.

If you're forgiven a lot, you love a lot.

When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said,

"If this man were a prophet, He would know who this is and what kind of woman is touching Him—for she is a sinner!" But Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, Teacher," he said.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give Me water for My feet, but she wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with perfume. Therefore I tell you, because her many sins have been forgiven, she has loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Luke 7

For your LifeGroup and growth time.

If you could re-write chapters in your life story, would you? What part would you re-write?

Read Luke 7:36-50. Although not all agree that the woman mentioned is Mary Magdalene, let's suppose it was. What were her thoughts through this whole situation? What were the Pharisees and others religious leaders thinking and feeling? If you were at that dinner party, how would you feel about this? What is remarkable about how Jesus handled this?

Read the Easter story in John (John 1:1-18). Why was it important for John to mention that Mary in this story was Mary Magdalene? What did it mean to her that she saw Jesus first?

How did she (and how does a person) get into a position to "see" Jesus?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 & 29-33. Why is the resurrection such a big deal? If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, couldn't our faith and trust in God be just as valid? Why or why not?

How are Christ followers able to 'forgive much' and 'love much'? (Luke 7:47)

Pray together and support each other!

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