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Evangelism

**Resurrection**

## ***EVANGELISM***

***Beyond The Flesh ... Living For Paradise***

***John 20:12-18***

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# SNAPSHOT

## *Beyond The Flesh ... Living For Paradise*

*(John 20:12-18)*

**Who:** *Mary Magdalene, a devoted follower of Jesus, and the risen Christ appearing after the resurrection.*

**What:** *Mary weeps at the tomb, encounters Jesus, and is commissioned to carry the message of His resurrection to the disciples.*

**When:** *Early on the first day of the week, immediately following the resurrection.*

**Where:** *At the tomb, just outside where Jesus had been laid.*

**Why:** *To reveal that Jesus is alive, to restore the relationship with the Father, and to entrust believers with the responsibility to share the good news.*

**How:** *Through a personal encounter that shifts believers from grief to purpose, from confusion to clarity, and from holding on to the past to walking in their divine assignments.*

*Scripture .... John 20:12-18*  
*What is your takeaway from the text?*

- 12. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain Him.*
- 13. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.*
- 14. Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there and did not know that it was Jesus.*
- 15. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, 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, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher).*
- 17. Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’ ”*
- 18. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.*

## ***Beyond The Flesh***

*Jesus is shown post-resurrection revealing His presence by teaching His disciples a greater truth. Through His resurrection, we are no longer defined by sin but by who we are in Him. Believers share in a restored relationship with the Father to live a new life beyond the flesh.*

*Jesus died for sin, He lives beyond the flesh, so we can live with Him in paradise, the cross completed the work, but the resurrection confirmed the victory. A true relationship with the Father moves beyond routine and becomes evident through purpose, growth, and daily obedience.*

***What is resurrection ?  
What does it mean to you?***

# *Living For Paradise*

**(1). Sacrificial Solution:** *Humanity was disconnected from God through Adam's sin but restored through Christ's obedience. Christ became the substitute for sin, taking our place so we could receive the righteousness of God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21*

**(2). Spiritual Shift:** *The resurrection moves us from natural limits to spiritual reality beyond the flesh. This happens when we release the carnal mindset to walk in the Spirit within us. "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth". Colossians 3:2*

**(3). Share The Promise:** *The promise of paradise was never meant to be kept private, believers are called to tell the story. When we share our testimony, it shows what God has already done in our lives. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy. Psalm 107:2*

***What is the meaning of spiritual shift and share the promise?  
(Think in terms of telling the good news of Christ)***

## *Living Sacrifice*

*What does it mean to live beyond the flesh? Are you living for paradise? To live beyond the flesh is to walk in the new life Christ made available through His resurrection. What Jesus finished on the cross was revealed at the tomb. The resurrection is not just an event, it is an opportunity to have a personal encounter with the risen Savior. This encounter moves believers from routine Christianity into relationship with the Savior. Embracing a Spirit-led life shapes thoughts, desires, and decisions by God's truth. Confidence grows in a restored relationship with the Father, where identity is defined by His promise. This life reflects purpose, peace and power. It rises above natural limits into spiritual strength and the promise of paradise.*

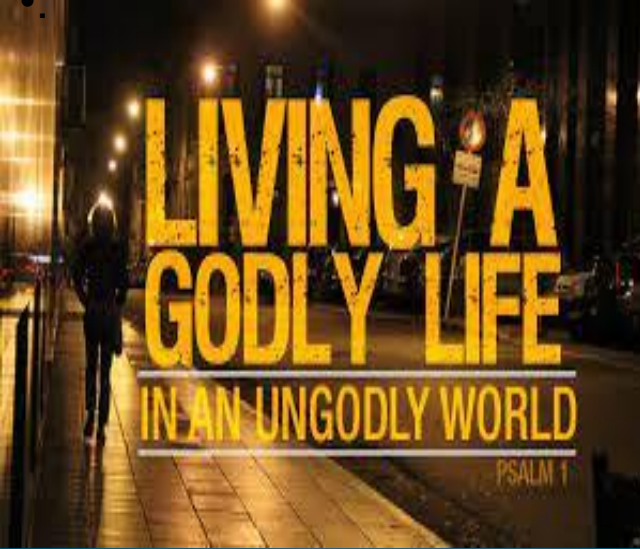
***Let's talk about; the eyes of your understanding be enlightened.  
Ephesians 1:17-18; Colossians 1:9-10***

## ***More of God and Less of Ourselves***

*What and where is paradise? Paradise is the place of eternal life where believers will dwell in the presence of God, free from sin, pain, and separation. It is the promise of restored fellowship with the Father, secured through Jesus Christ, where life is complete, whole, and everlasting.*

*To live for paradise means living with eternity in mind while walking in purpose today. Believers align their lives with God's will, grow a deeper relationship with the Father, and reflect His character daily. Today, let us be encouraged to live beyond the flesh. We will all make a difference when we live for paradise with purpose and seek a true relationship with the Father. Yes and AMEN!*

***Let's talk about  
Commissioned by God; Spiritual empowerment; Witness for Christ;***



## *Easy As 1...2...3*

### *We Can, We Will, We Must*

#### *Sacrificial, Spiritual, Share*

*(1). **Sacrificial Solution:** God answered sin through the death of Jesus Christ. Through His sacrifice, humanity is restored and made righteous before God.*

*(2). **Spiritual Shift:** God transforms us from living by the flesh to living by the Spirit. As the mind is renewed, life begins to align with His truth.*

*(3). **Share The Promise.** God calls every believer to make Christ known in the world. As we share what He has done, our lives become a witness of His truth.*

***What is your point of application?***

# *Prayer / Benediction*

## *EVANGELISM*

### *Beyond The Flesh ... Living For Paradise*

*God solved the problem, shifted our position, and now calls us to share the promise. Eternal life is not just a promise, it is the message we carry by living beyond the flesh.*

*When we shift our thoughts to above our lives will rise to heavenly and divine things. Keep your focus on God's truth, not earthly distractions.*

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