

Sermon Notes

John 20:11-20

April 27, 2025

Isaiah 61:1-3

Never the Same: Meeting Jesus in Tragedy

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- I. The difficulty of laughter after a tragedy
- II. The tragedy of Easter
 - A. It is a joyful celebration now, but it started out in grief.
 - B. The impact of the tragedy of Jesus' death.
 - C. Mary's desire to take care of Jesus' body.
- III. Never the Same
 - A. Interactions with Jesus change everything.
 - B. Jesus calls Mary's name
 - C. 180 degree turnaround!
 - D. Gives her a new commission
 - E. She becomes the first one to preach the Good News!
- IV. Back to tragedy
 - A. The difficulty of tragedy
 - 1. It's part of the human experience.
 - 2. It can cloud or clarify our vision of God's love and presence.
 - 3. We search.
 - B. Christ is with us in our time of tragedy, offering not solutions, but his presence.
- V. Jesus doesn't erase pain, he redeems it.
 - A. 1 Thessalonians 4:13: "We do not grieve as those without hope."
 - B. As Christ has conquered death, so have we.
 - C. We are called to be Christ to others.