

THE RISEN CHRIST

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John 20:1-14

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EASTER PROMISES JOY IN THE FACE OF GRIEF: (vs. 1-2)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!

- 1. Without Easter we have no _____.
- 2. Without Easter we have no _____.
- 3. Without Easter we have no _____.

EASTER

PROMISES VICTORY IN THE FACE OF TRAGEDY: (vs. 3-8)

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

- 1. _____. (Ephesians 1:15-17)
- 2. _____. (Ephesians 1:18)
- 3. _____. (Ephesians 1:19-23)

EASTER PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE IN THE FACE OF DEATH: vs. (10-14)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but 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. At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

- 1. Christ is the great _____ of life. (Acts 17:25)
- 2. Christ is the great _____ of life. (Ephesians 2:1)
- 3. Christ is the great _____ of life. (John 11:25-26)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"