

SEEING JESUS

Eyes Finally Opened

*Jesus hides himself — and reveals himself selectively.
What kind of person sees the risen Jesus?*

POINT 1 Her Behavior Reveals Her Devotion

John 20:1–2

"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark... They have taken the Lord out of the tomb."

- She comes in the dark — the tomb should be crowded. It isn't.
- She comes to a cursed tomb — "Cursed is everyone who hangs from a tree." (Gal 3:13)
- She calls him Lord — insurrection language. Rome says otherwise.

POINT 2 Her Tears Reveal Her Love

John 20:11–13

"But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb... They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

- John uses the word *weeping* three times — v11, v13, v15.
- Tears belong to someone. She isn't weeping for the movement. She's weeping for *him*.
- She loves him. She is devoted to him because she loves him.

POINT 3 The Question & The Manifestation

John 20:15–16 · John 14:21

"Whom are you seeking?... Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'"

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will manifest myself to him." — John 14:21

The Jews
Loved the political messiah
Jesus hid from them

The Greeks
Loved the miracle worker
Jesus hid from them

Mary
Loved Jesus
"Mary."