

“QUESTIONS JESUS ASKS: WHOM ARE YOU SEEKING?”

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JESUS ASKS QUESTIONS THAT LEAD PEOPLE TO A DEEPER TRUST IN HIM.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? **Whom are you seeking?**” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” (John 20:15)

1. SHE IS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT SHE WILL NEVER FIND.

A. JESUS IS ALIVE, NOT DEAD.

For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.”³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. (Luke 18:32-34)

B. WHOM OR WHAT DO YOU SEEK? ARE YOU LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACE?

2. EVEN THOUGH WE SEEK, WE ARE OFTEN THE ONES WHO ARE LOST.

A. ARE YOUR EYES HEALTHY?

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!” (Matthew 6:22-23)

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve god and money.” (Matthew 6:24)

B. DIVISION OF DEVOTION CREATES ANXIETY.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.³⁴ Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:33-34)

3. JESUS SEEKS YOU WHERE YOU ARE AND GIVES WHAT YOU NEED.

I am coming to your house... I am willing... today you will be with me... Lo, I am with you always...

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). (John 20:16)

A. JESUS REVEALS THE RIGHT PLACE: HIM!

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” (John 20:17)

B. JESUS MAKES THE BLIND SEE AND THE LOST FOUND!

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “**I have seen the Lord**”—and that he had said these things to her. (John 20:18)

BOTTOM LINE: SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND

GOING DEEPER

1. Jesus says to not worry (Matthew 6:25-34) and so does St. Paul (Philippians 4:4-7). Spend some time thinking about the difference between worrying, and taking it to the Lord in prayer. Don't forget about the promise that God delivers in Philippians 4:7 when we come to Him in prayer.
2. Spend one day this week meditating, praying over, and thinking about one of the "I AM" statements from the book of John. The Scripture references are provided. John 6:35-48; John 8:12 and 9:5; John 10:7; John 10:11-14; John 11:25; John 14:6; John 15:1-5