

The Book of John

Lesson 38 touch me not

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Read: John 20:1-31

John 20:11. *But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?* If you saw two angels, wouldn't that arouse your interest? But she is so intent on wondering where Jesus is and what happened to Jesus, she does not even seem to notice these angels; or if she does, it is not worth her time to talk to them. They have to initiate the conversation. "What are you weeping for?" *She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.* She does not believe that Jesus rose from the dead. She is wondering where the body went.

Verse 14. *And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.* Something to ponder, His parents, when he was child, thought He was present when He was absent. Luke 2:43-48. Mary, at the end of His earthly life, thought He was absent, verse 14 when He was present.? Remember how the book of John began we had a scene in John 1:29 when Jesus was standing in the midst of a group of people but they did not know it was Jesus, John the Baptist had to point Him out. *Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

Verse 15. *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him,* The first Adam, what was his occupation? He was a gardener. The last Adam, she supposed him to be the gardener. Later the apostle Paul would write under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that I plant and Apollos waters but the God (the gardener) gives the increase. God gives the increase. 1 Corinthians 3:6-8 He is the last Adam. He came to make the garden fruitful again after Adam made a mess out of things.

He says unto her, *Woman, why weepest thou?* There are many different theories as to why the disciples and Mary did not recognize Jesus, "some say He looked different after His resurrection." they did not recognize Him on the road to Emmaus Luke 24:3, He had to reveal Himself to them, and here in the

garden Mary does not recognize Him at first until He reveals Himself to her later. Let's take a look at some of the different theories.

➤ Number one

- Since He is in a glorified state, like He was on the mount of Transfiguration, they did not recognize Him or know who He was. You would think that if Mary saw Him white and glistening, she would have said something more in the scriptures.

➤ Number two

- That Jesus somehow voided their understanding so they could not recognize Him. This theory holds some credence in scripture, because do you remember in John 8:59 when they took up stones to stone Him? He could walk right through that crowd like He was invisible. It would not be hard for the Lord to be standing in front of somebody and just scramble their understanding so that they could not see Him or recognize Him.

➤ Number three

- He kept changing His appearance so that idolaters saved or otherwise would not paint His picture to create an idol to worship.

➤ Number four

- is His visage is still marred beyond recognition, His hands and His side are not healed. Why do we assume that they were healed? The last time the disciples saw Jesus on the cross, He was bleeding and they ran away. Here is Jesus standing right in front of them and his visage is horribly mangled, blood and puss oozing from his face and they are probably saying This is not Jesus. This cannot be our Lord

Verse 16. ***Jesus saith unto her,*** (John 10:28, *my sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me.*) ***Jesus saith unto her, Mary.*** And when He had called her my name, she knew who it was. ***She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.*** That is more than a Rabbi; this is Rabboni – this is an affectionate rendering of that term, ***Rabboni; which is to say, Master.***

Verse 17. ***Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not;*** She is so happy to know that He is alive that she is coming to embrace Him, but He stops her and says touch me not ***...for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.*** Here is His humanity and His deity.

As to His deity, God is the Father. As to His humanity, He is God. So in stating both, Jesus is making it clear, I died on the cross as God manifest in the flesh and I have risen from the dead as God manifest in the flesh. I am

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man and I am God. I was man and God when I came to earth; I was man and God when I went to the cross; and I am man and God now. As man, He is the "my God and your God. As God, He is my Father and your Father. Both are stated there. Now go say to my brethren that I ascend, I am going up to heaven.

This condition was only temporary. Because later that same day, in Matthew 28:9, He allowed women to hold His feet. Jesus Christ is our Passover; and as the Passover Lamb. He was crucified on the fourteenth of the first month at even as the Passover Lamb. Three days later, the High Priest would stand in the presence of the Lord and wave the sheath of firstfruits to signify (or the type of) resurrection. Now our Passover Lamb has been slain. Three days and three nights later, He is going to stand in the presence of the Lord as, number one, our great High Priest and as, number two, the firstfruits of them that slept. 1 Corinthians 15:20. Jesus is saying to Mary, you cannot interfere with me now; I have to fulfill the typology of the feast days. The offerings, sacrifices, worship. All of those things, pointed to Jesus Christ. Not just the specific prophecies about Jesus had to be fulfilled but the typology relating to Jesus had to be fulfilled. He is the great High Priest and He must stand before the Father. He is the firstfruits; and He must be presented before God the Father in order to be the fulfillment or be the culmination of that feast an act of worship, back in Leviticus. If you want the reference on that, it is Leviticus 23:1-11.

Now before this presentation on the third day, the Bible says this in Leviticus 7 – this has to do with the firstfruits and the sacrifices. This is "offerings" Look at Leviticus 7:1. *Likewise this is the law of the trespass offering: it is most holy.* Verse 7. *As the sin offering is, so is the trespass offering: there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have it.* There is a sin offering and there is a trespass offering in order to make atonement. In verse 19, The flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof. This trespass offering, to make atonement, is presented before the Lord by the High Priest. But if anyone who is unclean were to touch that offering before it was offered, it would defile the offering and defile the presentation of that offering. Jesus on the cross makes the sin offering. After the sin offering came the trespass offering and Jesus said, "touch me not." I have to appear as High Priest in the presence of the Father to take care of this trespass offering. I will be back and you can touch me then.

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Read: John 20:1-31

1. When was the resurrection?
2. What does verse 2 tell us about the disciples faith in Jesus' promises?
3. How does verse 8 compare with Hebrews 11:1?
4. What is so odd about the actions of those in verses 10-11?
5. What does verse 9 teach us about knowledge of spiritual things?
6. Explain the following terms:
 - Woven
 - Hyssop
 - The ghost
 - Vesture
7. Why did Jesus tell Mary "touch me not"?
8. Why was Mary not alarmed by the presence and speech of the two angels?

9. What does the presence of the clothes have to do with refuting the claim that Jesus' body was stolen?

10. Explain the sin offering?

11. Explain the trespass offering?

12. What is the picture of Adam and Jesus being gardeners? Explain in detail. (use back page if necessary)

True/false

- Jesus disguised himself that is why Mary did not recognize Him in the garden.
- Jesus showed forth His humanity and His deity in these passages.
- Verse 7 proves the shroud of Turin is false.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV) John 20:31; 1 Corinthians 15:20; Leviticus 7:19

any questions?