

**Easter 2025**  
**Franklin Heights Church**  
**Rocky Mount-CrossPointe-Union Hall-Recovery Church-Español-Ferrum College**  
**April 20, 2025**

Text: John 20:11-18 (ESV)

John 20:5-7 (ESV)

*And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.*

John 20:8 (ESV)

*Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;*

**1. The empty tomb reminds us that Jesus loves to fully \_\_\_\_\_ broken people.**

John 20:11 (ESV)

*But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.*

John 20:12-13 (ESV)

*And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."*

John 20:14-15 (ESV)

*Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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 20:16 (ESV)

*Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).*

**2. The empty tomb provides \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of anxiety.**

John 20:19 (ESV)

*On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."*

**3. The empty tomb gives your life \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

John 20:17-18 (ESV)

*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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.*

John 20:19-21 (ESV)

*On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

**4. The empty tomb demands a \_\_\_\_\_ from every person.**