

“RESURRECTION GRACE”
(John 20:1-18)

Big Idea: God demonstrated grace to an unlikely convert on Resurrection morning.

INTRODUCTION

* Who was Mary Magdalene?

- Her sin-filled past

- Her deliverance from the horror of possession

- Her dedicated love

* The role of women in 1st century Greco-Roman culture.

I. MARY WAS FIRST TO THE EMPTY TOMB (20:1-2)

A. She Was Last to Leave the Tomb (Mark 15:47)

B. She Was First to Return to the Tomb on Sunday (John 20:1)

C. She Was First to See the Empty Tomb (John 20:1)

D. She Was First to Report the Empty Tomb (John 20:2)

II. MARY WAS FIRST TO SEE THE LORD JESUS (20:11-18)
A. She Misunderstood the Empty Tomb (20:11-13)

B. She Misidentified the Lord Jesus (20:14-15)

C. She Worshipped the Lord Jesus (20:16-17)

D. She Reported the Resurrection (20:18)

CONCLUSION

* God gave the least likely disciple the privilege of seeing the risen Lord first.

* God's grace was manifest in Mary Magdalene.

* God's grace continues to be manifest in us.