



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: JOHN 20:11-18

TITLE: MEETING JESUS AGAIN

INTRODUCTION

- A. The view of women in Judaism in the 1st Century (To diminish, demean and demoralize) _____
1. Babylonian Talmud, *Happy is he whose children are males, and woe to him whose children are females*
 2. Sanhedrim Mishnah, *Conversation should not be held with a woman, even though she be one's own... May the words of the Torah be burned, they should not be handed over to women... The wife should neither bear witness, instruct children, nor pray at table; she is not even bound to keep the whole Torah*
 3. Abot de Rabbi Nathan, *a man should not speak with a woman in the market, even if she is his wife, much less another woman, because the public may misinterpret it*
 4. R. Eliezer b. R Shimeon, *We have not found that the Almighty spoke to a woman except Sarah*
- B. Jesus' view of women in the 1st Century (To elevate their status, value, worth, significance and dignity) _____
1. A Canaanite woman whose daughter was demon possessed – Matthew 15:21-28
 2. A woman who has a hemorrhage – Mark 5:25-34
 3. Women who traveled with Jesus and financially supported the ministry – Luke 8:1-3
 4. A Samaritan woman at the well – John 4:7-30
 5. It is true that Jesus did not call a woman to be one of His 12 disciples. He did not call a Gentile either
- C. Jesus is not concerned with one's ethnicity, class or gender _____
1. **Galatians 3:28** ²⁸ *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*
 2. **Galatians 3:26, 27, 29** ²⁶ *For you are all sons [and daughters] of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁹ And if [since] you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

JESUS' POST RESURRECTION APPEARANCES

- A. Mark 16:12 ¹² *After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked...* _____
1. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus
 2. Mary Magdalene did not recognize Jesus
- B. Why would Jesus appear in a different form? _____
1. So they would meet Jesus again in His present existence
 2. Jesus showed the two disciples the nail prints in His hands
 3. Jesus told Mary, *Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father*
 4. Jesus wants us to meet Him in His present existence versus His past/previous existence
 5. When Jesus calls you by your name...

AFTER MARY MET JESUS AGAIN...

- A. After Mary met Jesus the first time, she was set free _____
- B. After Mary met Jesus again, she was given something to do _____
1. Mary, who was once possessed by seven demons
 2. Mary, who was a woman in 1st Century Palestine
 3. Mary, who was with the Jesus' 12 disciples, however never called a disciple
 4. This Mary, after meeting Jesus again, was the first person to proclaim the Good News of the resurrected Jesus