

“Resurrection Thoughts”
John 20:1-18

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EASTER

THE BIG IDEA: **“Meet The God Who Surprises!”**

“God’s faithful love lasts forever.” Psalm 118:2

INTRODUCTION ***“The Divine Spendthrift”***

When Mary pours an expensive jar of perfume on Jesus’ feet prior to his arrest Judas is confounded. The extravagant use of this perfume contradicts all that Jesus taught about simplicity and selflessness. Jesus championed the rights of the poor, called them blessed, and claimed they would inherit the kingdom of heaven.

The God we see in Jesus Christ is a reckless, passionate, divine spendthrift. The God we see in Jesus Christ is ...

... a shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to go after one lost sheep.

... a woman who tears her house apart looking for one lost coin.

... a father who throws a party to welcome a prodigal home.

The God we see in Jesus Christ continues to surprise us. The gospel is outrageous. It demands an excessive and extravagant response. There is nothing frugal about the love Christ or about the lives of those who serve him.

I. The Power Of God (John 20:1-18)

“Save everyone!” GOD

- God’s power defeated the power of death.
- God’s salvation is intended for everyone in every time and place.
- God’s joy is seen in the faces of all who believe.

II. The Peace Of God (Acts 10:34-43)

"Tell everyone!" - GOD

- **God's message of peace is sent to every nation.**
- **Jesus Christ is Lord of ALL!**
- **In every nation, whoever worships Christ and does what is right is acceptable to God.**

III. The Mind Of God (Colossians 3:1-4)

"Change everyone!" GOD

- **Christ's resurrection changes everything and everyone.**
- **We now look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side.**
- **We have died to sin and our life is "hidden in Christ."**

CONCLUSION *"The Son Will Come Up Tomorrow!"*

Little orphan Annie sang, "The sun will come out tomorrow!" This was her song of hope for a better life with endless possibilities for joy. We all fear being orphaned and powerless.

God's promise to all who believe is this -

"My Son's Holy Spirit WILL rise in you every day!"

"I will not leave you orphaned!"

"I will come to you so that where I am you shall always be."

PONDER THESE THINGS AND REJOICE!