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*United Methodist Church*

**Easter Sunday  
April 12, 2020**

**I Got This!**

**John 20:1-18 The Message (MSG)**

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home. But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus' body had been laid. They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?" "They took my Master," she said, "and I don't know where they put him."

After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't recognize him. Jesus spoke to her, "Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?" She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, "Mister, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him." Jesus said, "Mary. "Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" meaning "Teacher!" Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.' "Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!" And she told them everything he said to her.

Imagine that you are Mary Magdalene. Your wonderful teacher, friend, and Son of God has been executed. Dead and buried.

Now in the early light of dawn you're going to his grave. Someone has disturbed the grave! His body has been removed! Already deep in grief over your world turned upside down, now blown away at the apparent theft of your murdered friend's body, now what?!

Mary goes and gets Peter and John. The two disciples closest to Jesus. In utter disbelief, and grief - what's going on?

The world is totally out of control and nothing makes sense, they must have been thinking; and, so might we.

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Till we get the rest of the story.

Jesus shows up. Initially they were clueless.

Jesus chooses Mary Magdalene, the woman with a poor reputation (quite likely with no shred of truth to the rumors), to clue us all in.

Jesus calls Mary by name, in compassion, easing her mind and comforting her to take heart.

I'm alive. I'm risen from the dead. Go tell the disciples what's going on.

Jesus chooses to keep on calling us by name. Telling us, too-hey, I've got this!

Nothing could keep him down, nothing could hold him back, 2,000 years ago, and nothing now can, either.

Nothing. Sisters and brothers, take heart!

'I got this!'

May our hopes be resurrected. Our fresh new chapter unfold before our eyes like this Easter dawn!

Thank you, Jesus! thank you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Celebrating Jesus like never before,

Pastor Harley

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