



Sermon Main Idea:

Jesus sees us in the midst of our grief and the dislocation of unmet expectations. In speaking our names, He invites us to let go of our expectations and experience the possibilities present in resurrection.

Introduction:

1. What are some things that you have not been able to do because of the stay-home order?
2. What are some initial expectations that you had of what this time would be like? How have they compared with the reality that you are living now?

SORP:

Scripture | read John 20:1-18 and relate last week's daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What might Mary Magdalene have thought and felt when she first found the tomb empty?
2. What strikes you about Peter and John's part in this passage?
3. What was the significance in Jesus speaking out Mary's name?
4. What expectations or ideas might Mary have had of Jesus that she needed to let go of?
5. What do Mary's words and actions communicate about her faith?
6. How do you think her role in finding the tomb empty before effected the disciples' belief in Mary's words later, that she had seen Jesus?
7. How did Mary's faith impact the world for Jesus?

Response | how can we respond in our lives to what we learn?

1. What might your words and actions be communicating about your faith to those around you, in this season of loss and the unexpected?
2. What are some expectations that you are clinging to for how life should be in this time?
3. How have your expectations of what *should be* impacted the way that you are able to experience what *is*?
4. How is God challenging you to the part of "go and tell"? (verse 17)
5. How might God be calling you to respond to His Word today?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your response