

# Munfordville Church of Christ

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Matthew 28:5, “*And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.*”

When Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb of Jesus the angel told them to fear not. The angel then said, “*I know that ye seek Jesus.*”

There was certainly miraculous knowledge the angel had regarding the intent of the two Marys. Even so, there were indicators they were seeking Jesus.

1. **They came to the sepulcher of Jesus.** They had an interest in Jesus. Most of the people tried to distance themselves from Jesus. They certainly would not have wanted to be seen at the tomb. Since Jesus was numbered with the transgressors, He was counted by many people and the leaders as a common criminal (Isaiah 53:12, “. . .and he was numbered with the transgressors.”). Not many people would have wanted to have this association with Jesus. Many would have thought if they were seen at the tomb of Jesus they too would have been taken in and questioned. Even the disciples left Jesus at his

mock trial. Not many people would have wanted to be seen at the tomb of Jesus just 36 hours or so after His burial. It was known they sought Jesus because of their interest in coming to the tomb.

2. **They came to the tomb of Jesus early.** They didn’t sleep late on the day the LORD arose or wait until the day was far spent. They came early. We are told in Matthew 28:1, “*as it began to dawn toward the first [day] of the week.*”

The day was just breaking. Perhaps they even saw the rising of the sun. It’s interesting they came at this time of day to see Jesus. Jesus says in Revelation 22:16, “*I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star.*” They came at the rising of the brightest star seen in our sky, the sun. The One they were seeking was the bright and morning star, Jesus.

3. **They ran to tell others.** When they learned that Jesus had risen and was not there we are told in Matthew 28:8, “*And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.*” They departed quickly and literally ran to take this word to the disciples.

4. **They found Jesus.** The final culmination of their seeking Jesus was they found Him. Matthew 28:9, “*And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.*”

There were so many indicators that the two Mary’s were seeking Jesus. They went to the sepulcher, they were early, and they ran to tell others.

I can’t help but wonder if people would know that we are seeking Jesus just by the indicators in our lives.

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Sunday 9 AM & 5 PM — Wednesday 6 PM



—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Linda Terry, Sherry Crabtree, Sandy Duncan, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.**

—Thousands in the county had damage and lost power up to almost a week due to severe winds on Friday, March 3. Most of our members were affected in some way. Due to the widespread damage, the singing at the Larue County congregation was postponed. It will be tonight at 5:00 Central Time in Hodgenville.

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Though we do not go to the tomb of Jesus literally, every LORD's day we remember His death by our partaking of the LORD's supper. I Corinthians 11:25, *"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."* When we willingly miss being at services and partaking of the LORD's supper, we are not gathering to show His death.

Would people know we are seeking the LORD by seeking Him early? Though we do not have services at the rising of the sun, for most of us it's the first thing we do each LORD's day. Do we have as much interest in getting to worship early as we do to work and school? We should try to be early to prepare ourselves by getting settled and our minds ready to worship. It shouldn't be rushed.

Not only should we seek the LORD early on the first day of the week, we need to seek the LORD early in life. Ecclesiastes 12:1, *"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."* We need to remember the LORD early in life. There will come days when the interest is not there. Even if you are getting on in years, turn to the LORD as soon as possible. Give Him the time you have remaining in this life. *continued on next page...*

Sunday, March 5, 2023		
Classes	15	Mark 5:14-31
Preaching	29	Two Trees (Zechariah 4; Revelation 11)
Contribution	\$958.00	
Evening	3	Psalms 1:1-6
Wednesday, March 8, 2023		
Classes	14	Colossians 3:1-25

Visitors— Mar 5 (AM) Paul Matthews (Cave City, KY); Brian & Callie Henion (Cave City, KY); Jeff Brewster (Rowletts, KY)

### *Bible Quiz*

The two olive trees and candlesticks are standing where?  
Last Week's Answer— A plumbline (Amos 7:8)

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When we seek the LORD, we will find Him the way the two Marys did. There will be a day when we actually go to be with the LORD. But we won't find Him if we are not seeking Him now.

—Marty Edwards❖

*"Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore."*  
—Psalm 105:4

### —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)