

SERMON NOTES

Called By Name, Sent With Purpose

Main Text: John 20:1-31

Main Thought:

In moments of doubt, fear, and confusion—Jesus meets us personally. He removes confusion, calls us by name, enters locked rooms, meets us in our doubts, and sends us with purpose.

I. The Empty Tomb: Evidence That Moves Us Closer (John 20:1-10)

- **Key Moment:** Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb; Peter and John investigate; John believes.
- **Truth:** Christianity is not blind faith—it's faith built on evidence.
- **Scriptures:** Isaiah 53:9, Psalm 16:10.
- **Takeaway:** You don't have to have all the answers to start walking in faith.

II. Called by Name, Sent with Purpose (John 20:11-18)

- **Key Moment:** Jesus calls Mary by name, turning her sorrow into mission.
- **Truth:** Jesus knows you personally and calls you beyond your past.
- **Scriptures:** Isaiah 43:1, Luke 8:2.
- **Takeaway:** Your brokenness doesn't disqualify you—Jesus restores and sends you.

III. Peace in the Room, Power for the Mission (John 20:19-23)

- **Key Moment:** Jesus appears in the locked room bringing peace and purpose.
- **Truth:** You cannot lock out Jesus—He steps into your fears.
- **Scriptures:** John 14:27, John 17:18, Genesis 2:7.
- **Takeaway:** Jesus offers peace and the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill your mission.

IV. Grace for the Doubter, Glory in the Confession (John 20:24-29)

- **Key Moment:** Jesus meets Thomas in his doubt, leading to the highest confession of faith.

- **Truth:** Jesus welcomes honest doubt and transforms it into deeper faith.
- **Scriptures:** Jude 1:22, John 11:16.
- **Takeaway:** Doubt doesn't disqualify you—it can deepen your faith journey.

V. Faith That Lives On (John 20:30-31)

- **Key Moment:** John tells us the purpose of this Gospel—to lead us to faith and life in Jesus.
- **Truth:** Faith in Christ leads to life beyond anything this world offers.
- **Scriptures:** Romans 10:17, 1 Peter 1:8-9.
- **Takeaway:** You are not just hearing about resurrection—you're invited to live it daily.

Final Challenge:

- Maybe you're stuck in confusion—Jesus says, “Come and see.”
- Maybe you feel unseen—Jesus calls you by name.
- Maybe fear is keeping you stuck—Jesus steps into your room with peace.

- Maybe doubt has overwhelmed you—Jesus invites your confession.
- Maybe you've been coasting—today Jesus sends you with purpose.

Response Options:

- First-time salvation
- Recommitment
- Prayer for restored purpose

Reflection Question for the Week:

- Who are you becoming now that Jesus has called you by name?