



Tomb of: Henriette Juliane Caroline von Rüling (1756-1782) Hanover Germany "May this tomb bought for eternity never be opened."

## Mark 16:1-7

"...But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."



## Acts 4:1-2

"Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead."



## Acts 4:33

"And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all."



## 1 Peter 1:20-21

"He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."



## 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

"And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable."



## 1 Corinthians 15:19-20 (MSG)

"If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we're a pretty sorry lot. But the truth is that Christ has been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries."



That Jesus Christ is risen from the dead is the central theme of the Christian faith.

If Jesus had only lived for us as a good example we would still be in our sin.

If Jesus had only died for us we would still be in our sin.

Jesus is risen from the dead!



## John 20:1-18

"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb ... 'Woman, why are you weeping?' ... said to Him, 'Rabboni!"



## Observations From Interaction:

- 1. She Was A Finisher
- "...went to the tomb early, while it was still dark." vs.1
- She was ready to confront a stone and some soldiers.
- Finish even when it doesn't look like it is going your way.



## 2. She Was Comforted vs.15 "Woman, why are you weeping?" In this whole process of cosmic redemption there is still time to minister to the needs of an individual.



## 3. She Was Challenged vs.15 "Whom are you seeking?" What are you looking to achieve here today?

Did you you come to meet with HIM!



# 4. She Was Identified "Mary!" vs.16 With an exclamation mark. God is personal. First name basis intimate!



## 5. She Was Vindicated vs.17 "Don't cling to me."

## Your Alive!

I'm not letting you out of my sight. My hopes are assured. Everything is alright!!!



## 6. She Was Included vs.17 "My Father and your Father,..." You are a child of God. You really are. This is all about restoring you to the family!



## 7. She Was Commissioned

"...go to My brethren and say ..."
vs.17

When you encounter the risen saviour you must tell others.



## Closing Lessons:

God can do anything!
My past/sin is gone!
Gratitude positions you for favour!
Risen Saviour will never let you
down!



## **HAPPY EASTER!!!**



