

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Jeremiah** chapter **31** verses **1-6**, which can be found on page **954** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

¹At that time, says the Lord, I will become God of all the families of Israel, and they shall become my people. These are the words of the Lord:

A people that survived the sword found favour in the wilderness; Israel journeyed to find rest; long ago the Lord appeared to them: I have dearly loved you from of old, and still I maintain my unfailing care for you. I will build you up again, O virgin Israel, and you shall be rebuilt. Again you shall adorn yourself with jingles, and go forth with the merry throng of dancers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria, vineyards which those who planted them defiled; for a day will come when the watchmen on Ephraim's hills cry out, Come let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **John** chapter **20** verses **1-18**, which can be found on page **140** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹Early on the Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance, and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of his tomb,' she cried, 'and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter and the other set out and made their way to the tomb. They were running side by side, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He peered in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but did not enter. Then Simon Peter came up,

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following him, and he went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying, and the napkin which had been over his head, not lying with the wrappings but rolled together in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first went in too, and he saw and believed; until then they had not understood the scriptures, which showed that he must rise from the dead.

So the disciples went home again; but Mary stood at the tomb outside, weeping. As she wept, she peered into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. They said to her, 'Why are you weeping?' She answered, 'They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have laid him.' With these words she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but did not recognize him. Jesus said to her, 'Why are you weeping? Who is it you are looking for?' Thinking it was the gardener, she said, 'If it is you sir, who removed him, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said, 'Mary!' She turned to him and said, 'Rabbuni!' (which is Hebrew for 'My Master'). Jesus said, 'Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers, and tell them that I am now ascending to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.' Mary of Magdala went to the disciples with her news: 'I have seen the Lord!' she said, and gave them his message.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.