

Finding Your Song in Your Sorrow

The Great Grave Robbery

The tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. Matthew 27:52.

Mary Magdalene had been robbed! She looked on in horror as the only Man who had truly loved her was beaten and brutally crucified (John 19::25). Through teary eyes she watched His limp body being removed from the cross. She followed the entourage to the tomb. Mark 15:47, Mary "sat opposite the grave" staring in disbelief.

Matthew 27:61, after two despairing nights she returned home to prepare the burial spices with the other women. Returning alone, while it was still dark, she received the final blow, the robbery of His body. The tomb was empty. Falling to the ground weeping she cries, "they have taken Him and I don't know where!"

Josiah's death seemed to rob me of everything: his touch, his future, my future, my faith. Like Mary, I stared in disbelief and horror as they wheeled his covered body out of the house, my mind screaming, No! No! This isn't happening!

I knew it was a robbery from Satan who comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But Mary was soon to meet the Greatest Robber of all - Jesus. He "robbed" His own grave! In fact, He borrowed the tomb, knowing He'd only need it a couple of nights!

He's been robbing millions of graves since, including Josiahs! When I visit his grave I know it is as empty as Jesus'.

Mary is spoken of in Acts and in Romans 16:6, where Paul says Greet Mary who has labored with me in this ministry. Which Mary this is he didn't specify. I have no doubt that she and the other Marys left singing that resurrection morning and found their new song with the disciples after Jesus left this earth.



Discovery Dialog with your Composer:

1 Corinthians 15. Can you handle an entire chapter? It will be worth it as it culminates in verses 55-57. Read and Sing!

Prayer:

Thank You for robbing Your own grave and that of my child's.

Selah:

I am grateful that my child is more alive than I am.

