

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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WHAT THE RESURRECTION GIVES US

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* Here is a drama worthy of inspiration. Joseph and Nicodemus showed their friendship openly after His death. "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden ; and in the garden a new tomb wherein was never man yet laid. There then because of the Jews' Preparation (for the tomb was nigh at hand) they laid Jesus." (Verses 41-42.) John 20:1-10, gives us a picture of His Resurrection. "Now on the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, while it was yet dark, unto the tomb, and seeth the stone taken away from the tomb.

"She runneth therefore, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him.

"Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. "And they ran both together : and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the tomb; and stooping and looking in, lie seeth the linen cloths lying ; yet entered he not in.

"Simon Peter therefore also cometh, following him, and entered into the tomb ; and he beholdeth the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, that was upon his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. "Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, who came first to the tomb, and he saw, and believed.

"For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. "So the disciples went away again unto their own home." What a shock it must have been to Mary.

She had come to the sepulchre to finish the embalming and saw the stone rolled away.

She never stopped to look in but turned and ran back to the room where Peter and John were stopping. Bursting in upon them she cried, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." Who had dared to desecrate the tomb ? No people among all the nations paid such reverence to the dead as the Hebrew Nation.

The Romans had stripped Him; they had scourged Him; they had nailed Him to the cross, with a mock crown on His Head. That wasn't enough. Had they dared to desecrate the grave? Peter and John would not wait; they both started toward the tomb. John outran Peter and arrived there first.