

## REVELATION FOUND IN BURIAL CLOTHES

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John 20:1-8 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher. Then she runneth, 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 sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulcher. So, they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulcher. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulcher, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulcher, and he saw, and believed.

Mary was urgent with her announcement. She thought the enemies had taken his body away. Instantly the two disciples hurried to the tomb, John arriving first, looked in and what he saw stunned him. What did he see? He saw the grave clothes lying there, all nice and neat. He saw the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head, not lying with the other clothes, but it was still all wrapped together laying in a place by itself.

The burial clothes had not been ripped off and thrown down. They were still in their original state. The linens were undisturbed.

How was that possible? If someone had stolen his body away, would they not have taken the clothes with it? If they had of been so inclined to take off his clothes, would they have taken the time to lay them all back down, nice and neat as they had been before? No, something else had to have taken place.

As John looked at the grave clothes of death, he suddenly understood the power of resurrected life! The Bible says, "He saw and believed."

Could God do something similar in your life today? Could He take what is a symbol of tragedy and turn it into a symbol of triumph? He can and He will, but you've got to be willing to do what John did. You've got to be willing to believe.