

## **Rest For A Weary Soul Daily Devotional - Wednesday, October 8, 2008**

Praise the Lord and Good Evening,

The other day I was reading about Mary Magdalene at Jesus' empty tomb. Upon seeing Jesus, He spoke to her and gave instructions to go and tell the disciples that He'd risen. She rushed out and told them but they couldn't believe it. I thought about the fact that Jesus knew they weren't going to believe her, but trusted her to do as He'd said. Later He proved her words to be true by appearing where they were gathered. All but Thomas believed (as he wasn't there at the time).

We know of Thomas' declaration of doubt and his stance of not believing until he saw the nail prints in his hands and put his finger in the nail prints and put his hand in Jesus' side, he wouldn't believe. We've heard him called Doubting Thomas for this reason, but I thought about the disciples and their doubt as well.

This woman was given a message that the Lord knew would fall on deaf ears. But it didn't change her call. She was so excited. She'd seen the Lord and had direct conversation with Him. She did her part. Her assignment was given and she followed through. Jesus was pleased with her accomplishment. She wasn't responsible for proving that it was true....how could she? It wasn't her assignment to prove anything. She was to tell....and tell she did! The Lord handled the rest.

This brings me to the assignment the Lord has given you. Are you doing it or are you trying to do more than assigned? You aren't supposed to prove anything. The Lord will do what is necessary to validate His Words. It was Jesus' Word that they didn't believe. It came through the messenger of Mary Magdalene, but it was Jesus' Words. I'm learning more and more how crucial it is not to overstep your assignment. She could have tried to convince them that she'd seen and spoken to Jesus. She could have argued with them about it. She could have gone back and convinced herself that she was dreaming, it was a figment of her imagination, etc. But she knew what had happened and she hadn't gotten the message wrong.

The Lord is able and will back up His Word. As His servants, we are only required to do as He says. As long as we've done all He's said, then we've done our job! Don't worry who can't believe it....that's not your job. Have you had an encounter with the Lord? Has He spoken to you and given you direction? Follow through on your assignment and the Lord will show up!

9. Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10. And she went and

told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. (Mark 16:9-11 KJV)

In the Master's Service,

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Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.