

# Last at the Cross, First at the Empty Tomb

John 20:1–18

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Redemption begins  
with an awareness of  
your desperate need.

—verses 11-13







Redemption comes  
through an encounter  
with your living Savior.

—verses 14-17

“The grain of gospel wheat died,  
and was planted in a garden tomb,  
and now the grand harvest begins.”

–The Gospel Transformation Bible



Redemption turns you  
into an unstoppable  
witness.

—verse 18



“Mission begins with a kind of explosion of joy. The news that the rejected and crucified Jesus is alive is something that cannot possibly be suppressed. It must be told. Who could be silent about such a fact? The mission of the church in the pages of the New Testament is more like the fallout from a vast explosion, a radioactive fallout which is not lethal but life-giving.” – Lesslie Newbigin

# A prayer of surrender to the Risen Lord

I am desperate for you, Lord Jesus.

Without you, my life is empty without purpose;  
condemned without forgiveness; captive to sin  
and covered in shame.

I need salvation, and I cannot save myself.

Thank you for accomplishing it for me!

I believe your Cross is the payment for my sins, and your Resurrection is the proof that your payment was accepted.

I turn away today from living my life independently from you.

I give myself to you, my Lord and my God.

Make my life a witness to your power to redeem all that sin has broken.

Thank you that now your Father is my Father, your God is my God.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: Amen.