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¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"--and that he had said these things to her. What did they expect to find?

1. Israel was expecting the _____ to drive out the _____ and restore the glory of the _____ once more.
 - a. ***Zechariah 9:10-11 (ESV)*** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

- b. ***John 18:36 (ESV)*** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."
2. Mary was expecting Jesus _____ in _____ *John 20:1*
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1. To Israel and to the world, Jesus offers his _____ *Matthew 28:18-20*
2. To Mary, Jesus revealed _____ *John 20:15-16*
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4. A _____ non-inclusive, _____ bigot
5. A _____

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1. Someone who is _____ even through _____
 - a. ***Matthew 28:20 (ESV)*** ...and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
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4. A God Who _____ will trust in him
 - a. ***John 3:16 (ESV)*** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
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