***Sunday School Lesson for Easter Sunday***

“Dominion” a contextual study drawn from the context of the book of John

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**Based on John 20:11-17**

Why did Mary not recognize Jesus? **John 20:14-16**

Read John 16:16-20

 Jesus was talking to His disciples – telling them; “In a little while you won’t see me anymore, but a little while after that, you will see me again.”

**What does Jesus mean “in a little while”?**

In verse 20, Jesus tells them” I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy.”

 At his crucifixion they wept and mourned, but at his resurrection they were filled with joy and peace.

**In John 20:17, what does that mean?** What did Jesus mean when He said “”don’t touch me, for I haven’t ascended to the Father. Then He said: “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

**Did Jesus ascend to God that day from the morning when Mary saw Him**?

John 20: 19-20

**Where was He that day?**

That same day in the evening He returned to the disciples and later let Thomas touch him. What was the difference between the morning and the evening?

In Genesis Satan got dominion from Adam and Eve when they sinned by disobeying God. Satan’s dominion was taken away from him at the resurrection, we don’t have to wait till the 2nd coming for Satan to be defeated.

**Read Heb. 9:11-14**

What does this scripture tell us? Where did Jesus go? Why was Jesus there? And what did Jesus do?

Jesus described all this when he predicted His death in John 12. (Key verses 30 - 32)