

Message Notes

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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

John 20:1-18

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John 20:1-18 - Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹ but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

○ **Three** _____

○ **Five** _____

1. A _____ look
2. A _____ look
3. A _____ look
4. A _____ look
5. A _____ look

○ **One** _____

1. Think of a time in your life when you did not see the same thing that others saw. How did this experience have a positive or negative impact on your life?
2. Of the three lookers focused on in this passage, which one have you been most like when it comes to looking into the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
3. Think or talk through the five different looks taken by Mary, John, and Peter. How do you identify with each when it comes to your mindset or perspective on Christ?
4. What can you glean from Jesus' appearance to Mary? What thoughts do you have about His first appearing to her, before He appeared to the Disciples?
5. What did it take, or would it take, for you to believe that Jesus rose from the tomb and is the Promised Messiah?
6. How is your life different in knowing that since Jesus lives, you will live forever through belief in Him?
7. What do you hope to take with you from this message focus?