



Sermon Questions

March 31, 2024 | Scripture: John 20:1-18 (Easter Sunday)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. John goes out of his way to corroborate the surety of Jesus's resurrection in this passage. What details in John 20:1-18 give this account the "ring of good testimony"?
2. Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene were among Jesus's closest friends. What emotions must they be experiencing before and after the events narrated in the passage? Hint: the passage uses many adjectives and action verbs that give us clues.

Inward Grace in Action

1. Psychiatrist Curt Thompson has said that "every newborn enters this world looking for someone looking for him or her." How does knowing that Jesus came looking for you change your experience of Easter this year?

Outward Grace in Action

1. Unlike Mary Magdalene, we are not eyewitnesses to the risen Christ. However, evidence of his resurrection is prevalent in our lives. What are some evidences of grace that you have witnessed in your life and the lives of others you know that give you further testimony to the surety of his resurrection?
2. All four biographies of Jesus place women front and center as the first eyewitnesses of his resurrection. How does this help us speak to our current cultural moment?
3. What part of the resurrection story makes it difficult for you to share with your friends, family, and coworkers? How does our passage today equip you to share the gospel more confidently?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 3:15
- Psalm 16
- Ezekiel 37
- Luke 24:13-35
- Romans 8
- 1 Peter 1:3-12

Serve: Share the news of the resurrection with the next generation: [serve in Student Ministries](#)

Pray: Pray that the radical news of the resurrection would upend lives and break through cynicism.

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