

John 20:1-31

Key Verse: 20:18

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“Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’”

1. Read verses 1-2. When did Mary Magdalene visit the tomb of Jesus? What startling discovery did she make? What did she think and do? Read verses 3-10. How did Peter and the other disciple (John) react? What puzzled them? What did they need to believe and understand? What is the significance of the empty tomb?
2. Read verses 11-18. Why did Mary stay behind, weeping?(13) Who did she first encounter? When did she meet and recognize Jesus? How did she react? What was the meaning of the message and mission Jesus gave Mary? What did she do?
3. Read verses 19-20. Why were the disciples so fearful? How did Jesus come to them and what was his greeting? How did he help them believe the fact of the resurrection? How did this belief change them?
4. Read verses 21-23. What is the peace Jesus gives? (19,21; Jn 14:27) What can we learn here about the mission Jesus gives his disciples? How would they be equipped? Why is forgiveness important?
5. Read verses 24-29. Who is Thomas? Why were the disciples still behind locked doors? How did Jesus teach the importance of one person? In what way is Thomas' confession a climax of this gospel? (28,31) What promise is here for us?
6. Read verses 30-31. Why did John not write everything about Jesus? What was his purpose in writing this gospel? Why is it so important to believe that Jesus is risen; that he is the Messiah, the Son of God?