

The Heart of the Matter

12. Like Joseph and Nicodemus, how could you be more public about your faith? More sacrificial? More generous?

13. When a loved one dies, how does the resurrection of Jesus help you through your grief? How has Jesus ministered to you in a time of grief?

14. In our lives it's easy to run after the wrong things instead of running after Jesus. How could you run after Jesus in a better and more consistent way?

15. Who do you need to tell that "Jesus is alive" this week?

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Life Group Study Guide

THE RESURRECTION

John 19:38-20:18

For the Week of April 12, 2020

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. When you have really good news who are the first three people you want to tell? What about bad news?

3. Describe a time when you mistook someone for the wrong person?

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Digging Deeper

4. In John 19:38-42, why do you think secret believers, Joseph and Nicodemus, would risk being exposed publicly as Christ followers now?

5. Some have suggested that Jesus didn't really die but somehow was revived in the tomb. How do 19:1, 18, 32-34, 40 disprove this notion?

6. According to John 20:1-2, if you were Mary, what might you be going through emotionally as you approached the tomb two days after the crucifixion? How would you have reacted after seeing that the body was gone?

7. According to verses 3-9 who is likely the "other disciple" that John is referring to who went with Peter to the tomb? Who was the faster disciple? Why do you think the "other disciple" hesitated to enter the tomb as he waited for Peter to enter?

8. From verses 10-11 why do you think Mary waited at the tomb as the other disciples headed back home? Do you think she was quietly grieving or crying inconsolably?

9. How would you describe Mary's encounter with the two angels in the tomb where Jesus had been laid? Is there any significance that two angels were there? (Exodus 37:8-9; Numbers 7:89)

10. In verses 14-18, how did Jesus reveal Himself to Mary and then comfort her? Why was it that when Jesus said her name she finally recognized Him?

11. What is the significance of what Jesus says to Mary in verse 17? How did Mary respond to all this in verse 18?