

John 20:1-18 | The Empty Tomb

Getting Going (15 mins)

1. Settling In & Opening Prayer
2. Tell us about one of your family Easter traditions.

Digging Deeper (40 mins)

1. Review:
 - a. How did you worship God in spirit and truth this past week?
 - b. Did you have opportunity to share the gospel with someone this past week? If so, would you tell us about it?
2. Compare **John 20:1-18** with **Matthew 28:1-10**, **Mark 16:1-8**, and **Luke 24:1-12**. What are some of the similarities in these four accounts? Differences?
3. John finally believed (see **John 20:8**). Do you remember when you believed? Tell us about it. If you have always believed, do you remember a time when you believed in a new, deeper, or more profound way?
4. Why was it that Jesus “had” to rise from the dead (see **John 20:9**)? Explain.
5. Why do you suppose it was so difficult for people to identify Jesus after His resurrection (see **John 20:14**, **John 21:4**; **Luke 24:16**)?
6. Do you think you would recognize Jesus if you saw Him today? Why or why not?

Practical Preparation (10 mins)

1. Reread **John 20:18**. Have you seen the Lord? In what ways? Have you told anyone about it?
2. Often we think that it is only those who have never heard who need to hear about Jesus, is that true? Look up the lyrics to the hymn “I Love to Tell the Story.” Do you resonate with any of it? Why or why not? In your experience, are the first 2 lines of verse 3 true? What would it take for the attitude of this song to be a bigger part of your daily life?

Parting Prayer (15 mins)

Extra Question – What is one thing you want to accomplish this week?