

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection

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1. Reacting to the resurrection

- **Mary – shock and grief**
- **John & Peter – faith**
- **The disciples – accept Jesus' mission**

¹Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ²She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

John 20:1-2 NLT

³Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— ⁹for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead.

John 20:3-9 NLT

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

John 20:19-21 NLT

2. My response to the resurrection

- **Believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead**
- **Share the good news about Jesus**

²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:29 NLT

Next Steps:

- I believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead so that I can have life, now and forever
- Commit to live out my faith and follow Jesus by nurturing my relationship with God: _____
- Seek God for opportunities to share about Jesus: _____
- Read John 20 this week (resurrection story)
- _____