

## To Mary Magdalene | John 20: 1,11-18

- 1. What do you know about Mary Magdalene? See Luke 8:1-3, Matthew 27:55-56, along with John 20:11-18. How does her story help us understand her grief at Jesus' death?
- 2. Why do you think Mary didn't recognise Jesus in the garden? What clues to His resurrection does it seem Mary misses in her grief? V11-15. What can hinder us from seeing Jesus in difficult situations?
- 3. Explore Mary's emotions and struggle at the empty tomb. How have you managed times of grief and pain when hope seems lost? Are there verses of scripture you found helpful?
- 4. When does Mary realise it was Jesus talking to her? How did she respond to Jesus' revelation and command v11- 16? How has Jesus revealed himself to you? How have you responded?
- 5. Why do you think it is significant that Mary Magdalene is the first one to meet the risen Jesus?
- 6. Why does everything in the Christian faith rest on the bodily resurrection of Jesus? (1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Acts 4:24, Acts17:31, Romans 4:25)?
- 7. What do you think Jesus meant when he told Mary not to hold onto him in v 17? What does this mean for us today?
- 8. How has Jesus' resurrection enabled us to call God Father? V17 Why did Jesus tell Mary to take this message to the disciples and what would this have meant to them?
- 9. Where have you seen the Lord in your life this week? Who can you share this good news with who doesn't yet know the Lord? Spend some time praying for them.



What did you discover about God in this passage? What did you discover about people in this passage? How will you commit to obey this passage this week? With whom will you share what you have learned?

