



Week of April 20
Read: John 20:1-20:31

Questions for Reflection ...

Peter and the disciple Jesus loved see the empty tomb, but Mary Magdalene encounters the risen Savior. Is there significance in Mary being the first witness? Why did Jesus not appear to the men first? As you experience the empty tomb of Easter, what would it mean for you to encounter the resurrected Jesus and hear Him say your name? Have you had an personal experience with Jesus like that?

Jesus appears among the disciples in a locked room to speak peace in the midst of their fear. What fears do you have locked inside? How might the resurrected Jesus speak peace to you in your circumstances? The disciples of Jesus you are filled with Holy Spirit and commissioned to take forgiveness to the world. Whose sins can you forgive this week? Who needs to hear you share the good news of forgiveness of sins with them?

When Thomas sees and believes in the resurrection, Jesus says, "blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." How do doubt and faith live together in your life? The Gospel of John is written "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." Do you believe? What does life in Jesus name look like?

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