



Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Encountering the Risen Jesus

Eye-witnesses Who Knew Jesus Had Died (Jn. 19:25, 35, 38-42)

- A. Mary Magdalene & other women were at the cross
- B. Joseph & Nicodemus buried Jesus' body in a tomb
- C. Mary came to Jesus' tomb early on Sunday morning (Jn. 20:1)

Mary's Logical Conclusion (Jn. 20:2b, 13b, 15b)

- A. Aligned with the Jewish understanding of resurrection (Jn. 11:24; 5:28-29; Dan. 12:2)
- B. Repeated three times
 1. To Peter & John: "They've taken the Lord out of the tomb & we don't know where they've laid him."
 2. To the angels: "They've taken my Lord, & we don't know where they've put him."
 3. To Jesus: "Sir, if you've carried him away, tell me where you've put him, & I will take him away."
- C. Trapped her
- D. Robbing graves was a common occurrence

Mary Encounters Jesus – he has to reveal Himself to Mary

- A. He Meets Her Where She Is (Jn. 20:11, 15-16)
 1. In her crying & weeping condition
 2. Calls he by name: Mary
- B. Mary becomes the first messenger for Jesus' resurrection

How Can We Encounter Jesus Today?

- A. Those who saw Jesus investigated the evidence before them carefully (Jn. 20:1, 5, 6, 8)

B. We have the eye-witness reports to investigate for ourselves (Jn. 20:29)

C. Will you do a thorough investigation?