

Behold His Glory: Behold the Risen King!

Sermon # 3, John 20:1-18

Main Point: *Believers have ultimate hope because Jesus is risen from the dead.*

Getting to Know You

1. Tell the group about personal life events in which you experienced 1. Great sadness, and 2. Great joy. (they can be separate events)

Getting into the Book:

Read John 20:1-10

2. What was Mary expecting to do (Mark 16:1) and to find when she went to the tomb?
3. Why do you think Mary and the disciples didn't consider "resurrection" as an explanation for Jesus' empty tomb?
4. List as many details as you can find in this story that show it is an eyewitness account. What difference does it make to know that Jesus' empty tomb is an historical event?
5. What do you think might have been going through Peter and John's minds after visiting the tomb? See Luke 24:12.
6. Play the role of investigators. What possible explanations are there for why Jesus' tomb was empty? Examine each one to see if it is a reasonable explanation.

Read John 20:11-18

7. Why do you think Mary did not recognize Jesus at first?
8. How was Mary's life transformed in the midst of her grief?

Getting Out There

9. In what practical ways has Jesus' resurrection transformed your life?
10. Have you ever spoken to someone about the resurrection of Jesus in order to give them hope? Is there someone you can think of who needs this encouragement right now?

Pray

Praise God for the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of eternal life this gives us. Ask Him for help to remember the hope of the resurrection each day.