

# Easter Sunday

**SOMETHING BETTER**

John 20 :1-18  
April 4th, 2021  
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*Read John 20:1-18 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)*

What do you know of Mary Magdalene? Read Luke 8:1-3.

What did the disciples, Peter and John, first think happened to Jesus' body (v. 6-8)? What did Mary think (v. 13-15)? Many still do not believe Jesus rose from the dead. How are the Gospel accounts of the resurrection often explained away?

What did Peter and John know when they began to "believe" (v. 7)? Read Matthew 16:21 and Luke 9:22. Why do you think followers of Jesus had such a difficult time understanding his predictions of his own death prior to the resurrection?

Why does Jesus tell Mary Magdalene not to cling to him (v. 17)? What is Jesus offering to her instead?

How can we have a personal hope in and relationship with Jesus Christ now? How can we commune with him in intimate ways, even though we cannot touch him or see him like other people?

Do you have a growing hope because of the resurrection of Jesus? How has the past year challenged your hope? How has the past year strengthened your hope? When you feel hope fading, will you look to the resurrection of Jesus for peace and strength?