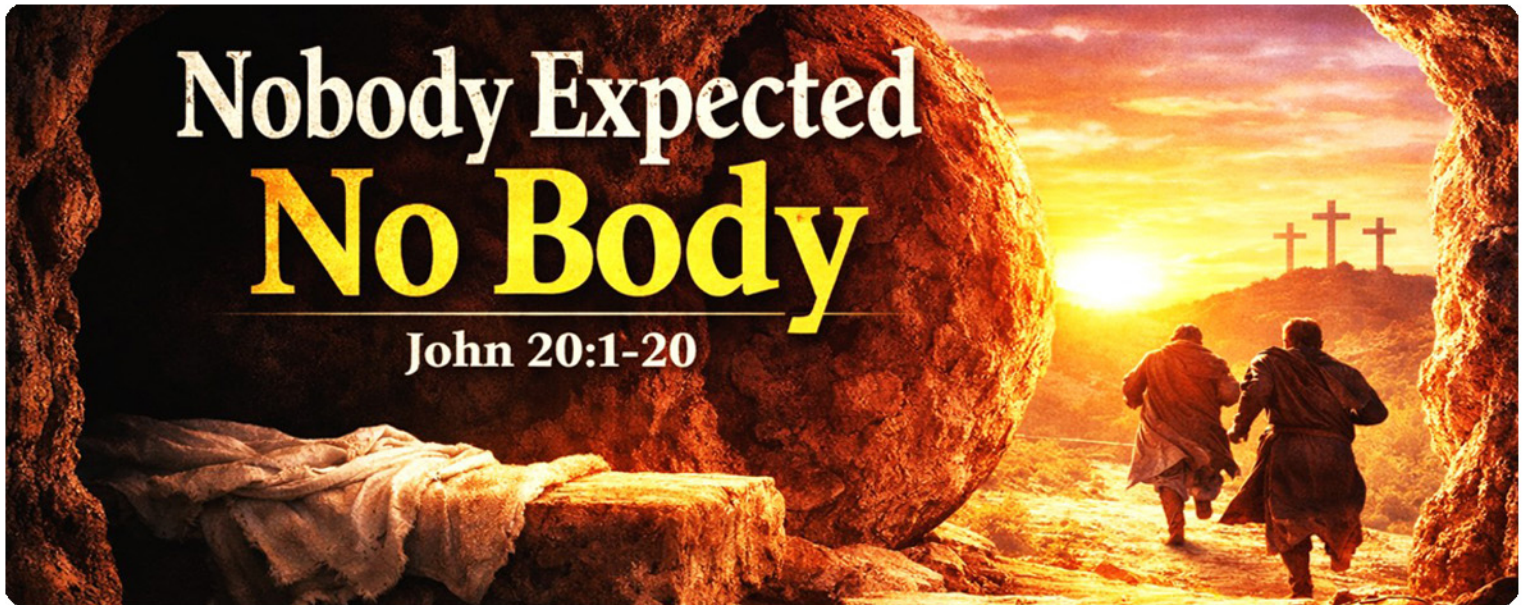




Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
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Read John 20:1-20

Part 1: Doubt Is a Normal Starting Place

Read: John 20:1–2, Luke 24:11, Mark 16:10–11

- 1) What was Mary Magdalene expecting when she went to the tomb?
- 2) What conclusion did she immediately jump to?

Discuss:

- 3) Why do you think the disciples struggled to believe?
- 4) What does it tell us that the Gospel writers included their doubt and fear?
- 5) **Read Luke 24:38–39, John 20:24–29.** Do you ever personally struggle with doubt (faith, life, God's goodness, etc.)?
- 6) How does it encourage you that the first followers of Jesus doubted too?

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Part 2: Faith Often Begins with Investigation

Read: John 20:3–9, Acts 17:11

- 7) Why did Peter and John run to the tomb?
- 8) Did they fully understand what had happened yet?

Discuss:

- 9) What do you think “investigating faith” looks like today?
- 10) Why is it important that Christianity invites examination rather than blind belief?
- 11) What do the following Scriptures tell us about the importance of evidence?
1 Corinthians 15:3–8, Acts 1:3, 2 Peter 1:16
- 12) What do you think it looks like to “run to the tomb” and investigate more deeply today?

Part 3: The Risen Jesus Transforms Lives

Read: John 20:19–20, Acts 2:22–24, 32, Acts 4:13

- 13) Where were the disciples before Jesus appeared?
- 14) **Read: Luke 24:44–49, Acts 5:29–32, Philippians 3:10.** What explains the drastic change in the disciples—from fearful to bold? Why would someone be willing to suffer or die for this message?

