



Easter Through the Eyes of Mary Magdalene

John 20:1–18

Small Group Questions

I. Mary Saw an Empty Tomb

(John 20:1–10)

Mary initially assumed the worst when she saw the empty tomb. Why do we sometimes interpret confusing or painful situations apart from faith in what God is doing?

Peter and John saw the evidence, but only one is said to have believed. What does this teach us about the difference between seeing something and truly understanding it?

II. Mary Saw Angels and a “Gardener”

(John 20:11–15)

Even after seeing angels, Mary was still focused on her grief and misunderstanding. How can our emotions sometimes keep us from recognizing what God is doing right in front of us?

Mary was looking directly at Jesus but didn’t recognize Him. What are some ways we can be close to spiritual truth or church activity and still miss Jesus Himself?

III. Mary Saw the Risen Lord

(John 20:16–18)

Mary recognized Jesus when He called her by name. What does this reveal about the personal nature of Jesus’ relationship with His followers?

After encountering the risen Christ, Mary was sent to tell others. How should a real encounter with Jesus change the way we live and speak to others?

Application Questions

Where in your life might you be misunderstanding what God is doing—like Mary at the tomb—and how can you shift your perspective to trust His truth?

If you truly believe Jesus is risen, what is one specific way you will live differently or share that truth with someone this week?

Prayer Prompts

Prayer for Open Eyes

Lord, help us not miss what You are doing right in front of us. Open our eyes to see You clearly.

Prayer for Personal Relationship

Jesus, thank You that You know us by name. Help us hear Your voice and follow You faithfully.

Prayer for Bold Witness

Father, give us the courage to say, like Mary, "I have seen the Lord," and share that truth with others.