

Message Notes | Easter

What They Saw

John 20:1-9

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affect how you _____.

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→ what God can't unsee

#3 Easter is proof that God has _____
what he couldn't _____.

→ see death for what it now is - **1 Corinthians 15:56-57**

#4 How you see _____ changes how you see _____.

→ if you saw what they saw, what might change for you?

Group Questions | Easter

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1. What's something you've seen—either serious or light-hearted—that you still can't unsee?
2. **Read John 20:1-7.** John didn't add any details by accident—everything you see is there for a reason. What details stand out to you, and what can you learn from them?
3. **Read John 20:8-9.** How might this moment encourage someone who feels like they don't know enough to have "strong" or "real" faith?
4. Think about Mary, Peter, and John as they were running to the tomb. What emotions do you imagine they were feeling? How might their confusion mirror what people feel when wrestling with questions about God?
5. You can believe without fully understanding, but why is it important to keep pursuing understanding in your faith? And why is it important to be okay with not having all the answers?

Where do you tend to land between those two extremes, and why do you think that is?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:56-57.** How does the resurrection change the way Christians view death, guilt, and fear?
7. If you could see what John and the others saw, it would change how you see everything. How might your perspective shift on things like purpose, priorities, and hopes?

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Bible Reading for Today

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)