



Who Do You Say I Am?
“Mary Magdalene & the Empty Tomb”
John 20:1-18
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THE Question we must truthfully answer is:
Who Do I Say Jesus Is?

When Jesus died, everybody expected him to remain dead because Nobody expected No Body.

- It was a Known Tomb
- It was a Guarded & Sealed Tomb
- Mary went to the tomb expecting a body.

Jesus’ resurrection from the dead Changes Everything.

- The resurrection is an invitation for us to:
 - take Jesus’ promises of new life seriously.
 - affirm Jesus is alive here, now, today.
 - affirm Jesus has defeated death.
 - affirm that all authority is in Jesus’ hands.

Who do I say Jesus is? I say Jesus is: _____

Discussion Questions

The resurrection is an invitation for us to start fresh, to take Christ’s promises of new life seriously. Jesus is alive here, now, today. He has defeated death, and now all authority is in His hands. That changes everything!

1. Read John 20:1-9. Imagine yourself in Mary’s place. What do you hear? What do you see?
2. Read John 20:10-18. What do you make of the fact that Mary didn’t recognize Jesus until He said her name?
3. From what you’ve read in John 20:1-23, how was the resurrected Jesus different from a ghost or a spirit-being on a higher spiritual plane?
4. As soon as Jesus showed up alive, he started giving powerful words to his followers. What is significant to you in the following?
 - a) “Peace be with you” (John 20:19, 21)
 - b) “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (John 20:21)
 - c) “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven” (John 20:22-23).
5. Take a moment to write down how you would complete this sentence:
A person or area of my life I want to surrender to the Risen Jesus is

(these questions were taken from the study “Beginning in Christ Together”, p.75. Zondervan Publishing, 2005)