

Resurrection and Ascension



John 20:1-18
Matthew 28 :16-20

Opening Video



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Small Group Check-in



Tell a high and a low from
this week.

Jesus' Resurrection



- ❧ Read John 20:1-9
- ❧ If Jesus was your best friend how would you be feeling after his crucifixion?
- ❧ What did Mary Magdalene believe had happened to Jesus?
- ❧ John gives specific details in this account of the resurrection. Why do you think this is?
- ❧ Why is the fact of the linen cloths being folded and left in the tomb an important detail?

Have kids share what disciples and followers were feeling. They believed he was the Messiah but misunderstood what that meant and now He was dead. They had seen him dead and buried. He wasn't just their Messiah, He was their friend. They had spent the last three years with Him. Jesus has cast the demons out of Mary Magdalene—he has saved her life.

Mary believed that Jesus' body had been stolen or at the very least moved to another location.

John was an eye witness to this event. He was the "other disciple" in the account. If they had moved Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths. This is further specific evidence of the Resurrection.

Jesus Appears to...



- ✧ Skim the rest of John 20-21 Name some of the people to whom Jesus appeared in the days following His resurrection.
- ✧ Read John 20:30
- ✧ What is the significance of this verse?

Have Students look at the titles of the next several sections in John—Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, the disciples without Thomas, the disciples with Thomas, seven disciples and Peter and John

John did not record everything but recorded these events so that people could read it and believe in Jesus' resurrection

Ascension



- ✧ Read Matthew 28:16-20
- ✧ This passage is referred to as the Great Commission. A commission is a command or instruction to do something. What does Jesus instruct His disciples and also us to do in this commission?
- ✧ What does Jesus also promise here?
- ✧ What comfort does this give to them, as well as to us?

God commissions us to Go and make disciples of ALL NATIONS baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit—talk about the importance of the idea of all nations and also the idea that we can do this with those close to us. We don't have to travel far or be a missionary to some foreign land. We can do this with friends and family.

Jesus promises that He will be with us as we do this. If we ask He will give us the opportunities and guide us to carry out this commission. We don't do it on our own.

Small Group



2nd Article of the Apostles Creed

Eggceptional



- ❧ Pass around the basket of Easter Eggs and have each student choose an egg.
- ❧ Inside the egg are questions for them to answer.
- ❧ Have them read their question and answer it.