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John 20:1–18

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- When playing hide-and-seek or similar games as a child, did you prefer to hide or to seek? Why?
- *Read John 20:1–18.* Who are the characters other than Jesus in this Easter story? What are their immediate reactions to the open and empty tomb?
- When John pointedly tells us it's "the first day" and "still dark," how is this both literal and figurative?
- When the angels ask Mary why she is crying, what does her reply reveal about her heart and her relationship with Jesus?
- What is the invitation to Mary within Jesus' question: "Who is it you are looking for?"
- When Jesus says Mary's name, how do you think he said it? Why is it she only recognizes Jesus then? What changes for her at this point?
- What could be Jesus' invitation if he asked you directly, "Who is it you are looking for?" How would you answer?
- How is Mary a role model in both her response to Jesus and her proclamation of Christ's resurrection? How can you follow her example? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.