John 20 and 21

Readings this week:

S John 20:1-18 M John 20:19-31 T John 21:1-14 W John 21:15-25 Th 1 Cor 15:1-11 F 1 Cor 15:12-28 S 1 Cor 15:35-58 Then Jesus told him: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

Investigate different people's experiences of the resurrection of Jesus. Look at the passages. Try to think of questions you would have liked to have asked them about what happened to them. Discuss in your group what their answers may have been, then record a what you think they would have said about their experience.

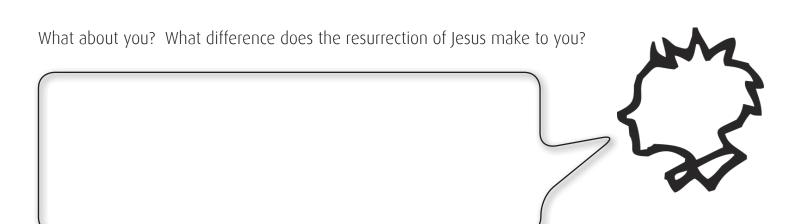


Mary Magdalene John 20:1-18 Luke 24:11



Thomas John 20:19*-*29





When talking about the resurrection, Paul calls Jesus the "first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" 1 Corinthians 15:20-21.

What does this phrase mean?

How can you belong to Christ?

40 days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven to be with his father. He is still there, and will return to set up God's kingdom on earth.

Do you have any idea when that will be?

What evidence do you have?

Digging Deeper - the Risen Lord

Before the resurrection

Jesus told his disciples many times that he was going to die and be raised again but they didn't understand him.

Read Matthew 20:18-19 and say where it would be, who responsible, who else and how long would he be in the grave In John 12:23, what does he say his death and resurrection is like?

In John 16:20 what does he say it would be like for his disciples?

After the resurrection

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20 and 23 and say what Paul says Jesus' resurrection was like and who else can share in it.

In Luke 24:37-41 we are told how the disciples felt. What did they have that Jesus had told them they would have?

Thank God for Jesus' resurrection.