

INTRODUCTION

Bewildered and confused, they saw, but they did not understand. After all, they were there when he was killed. They watched as his body was carried away to the tomb. With their leader dead and buried, none of them expected anything good to happen on that Sunday. But on that third day, a marvelous light dawned. A light shone among them, and it revealed a risen Savior.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read John 20:1-2. What must have been the emotions that flooded Mary when she found the empty tomb?
- 2. Read John 20:3-8. Why was it so difficult for the disciples to comprehend that Jesus had risen from the dead?
- 3. Why is it hard for people today to believe in the resurrection?
- 4. Read John 20:9 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-19. Why is the resurrection so central to Christianity?
- 5. Read John 20:10-18. What emotions must have flooded Mary at this point?
- 6. How had embracing the light of Christ changed her life (see Mark 16:9)? How has it changed your life?
- 7. Read John 20:19-29. How did Jesus respond to those, like Thomas, who had doubts?
- 8. Read John 20:30-31. Belief in Jesus, embracing his marvelous light, grants you eternal life. Is there anything that is keeping you from believing?

THINK ABOUT IT

Do you have any lingering doubts about the resurrection? Jesus welcomed Thomas to investigate his doubts. Don't be afraid to explore your hesitations.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

If you have doubts about the truth of the resurrection and the truth of Christianity, investigate them. Look at the historical records and weigh the evidence.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31