

# EASTER: STUDY GUIDE

## Resurrection

Week of March 29: John 20:1-23

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### Observation

1. Read John 20:1-23. What stands out to you in this passage?

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#### **Observation: What does it say?**

1. What do you notice about the text?  
Things to look for:
  - repeating words and phrases
  - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
  - contrasts and comparisons
  - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
  - cause and effect relationships
  - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
  - grammar
  - larger themes in the passage
  - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

# Interpretation

1. Take a look at each person mentioned in verses 1-18. Why do you think that each of them reacted in the way that they did? What enabled them to believe?

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2. What do verses 19-23 tell us about what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus after his resurrection?

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## **Interpretation**

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

# Application

1. If you consider yourself a follower of Jesus, what made you decide to become one? Invite each person to share some of their story with the group.

# Suggestion for Prayer

Spend time praying for friends and neighbours who have never met Jesus for themselves.

Would there be any of them that you might want to invite to the Good Friday or Easter services?