

## Easter is Everything Discussion Questions

John 20:11-18

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1. Why is Easter everything?
2. Read Luke 8:2. Who was Mary Magdalene?
3. Read John 20:11. Why was Mary weeping? What thoughts may have been going through her head?
4. Read John 20:12-13. What should the conversation with the two angels have told Mary? Why didn't she get it?
5. Mary thought someone had taken Jesus away. What are you afraid to lose or to be taken away from you?
6. Read John 20:14-16. Why didn't Mary recognize Jesus when she saw Him?
7. How was Mary's view of Jesus too small? How is your view of God too small?
8. How did Jesus being raised from the dead change Mary and the disciples? How does it change your world?
9. Mary struggled to adjust to the changes she was encountering at the empty tomb. Do you struggle with changes even if they are good ones?
10. Why didn't Jesus tell her right away who He was? Why did He ask her questions?
11. How does Jesus do the same thing in our lives? What is He wanting you to know?
12. Read John 10:27. Why did Mary recognize Him once He used her name?
13. Why did Mary call Him *Rabboni* or "My Teacher?"
14. Read John 20:17. Why would Mary want to cling to Jesus? Why did Jesus tell her not to cling to Him?
15. How might the resurrection of Jesus challenge our desire to be in control? In what ways do we try to hold on to Jesus instead of trusting His work in us?
16. Why is it important for Jesus to ascend to His Father?
17. What is the importance of Jesus saying, "my Father and your Father, to my God and your God?"
18. Read John 20:18. What was Mary's first assignment after seeing Jesus? What did she do? What is our assignment once we come to know the Savior?