



Easter Sunday 2025

John 20:1-18

Sermon Questions:

1. Pray
2. Read John 20:1-18
3. Culturally, Easter is associated with “happy things” ... bright colors, nice weather, etc. Does this festive “color” of the season on the outside match how you are feeling on the inside today? Why or why not?
4. Imagine you were one of the key people we talked about this morning: Mary Magdalene, John, or Peter. With Mary, we talked about how Jesus was a part of her past, but she probably was grieving the loss of Jesus in her present or future. With John, we talked about the business John had left to follow Jesus, and He may have been wondering if that was worth it. With Peter, we talked about how he had denied Jesus 3 times, and may have been wondering if it was “over for him” even if the Jesus movement continued. Can you identify (at this stage of your life, or at a previous stage of your life) with any of the feelings of these people ?
5. Jesus body was dead and buried in John 19. Are you experiencing any despair or mourning related to serious illness or death today?
6. The story of Easter is a “first day” story. Easter is not the end, but the beginning! Jesus reminded Mary, John, and Peter (AND US) that He was making all things new. How does Jesus’ interactions with His people in John 20 encourage you as you “walk through the valley of the shadow of death” today?
7. Have you trusted in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins?
8. What stands out to you most from this message? Any particular takeaway?