



**TEXT: JOHN 20**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **ServeRockyMount.com** - Now is our moment to live on mission. We are repurposing our Serve Rocky Mount website ([www.ServeRockyMount.com](http://www.ServeRockyMount.com)) to be a hub for needs in our city and for people to volunteer to meet needs. Please go to this page. If you are able to help and click the button “I CAN HELP” and you will see a brief survey asking about the ways you are able to help. If you are in need of help, click the button that says, “I NEED HELP” and select from the options listed. We will not be able to meet every need, but we are working hard to meet as many needs as possible. That site will also have information about where to access needed resources for people in our area.
- **Holy Week Online Schedule** – Refer to [www.redeemerchurch.com](http://www.redeemerchurch.com) for more information and plan to invite others to view our service Easter Sunday.
- **MyRC** – Everyone please log into your MyRC account and make sure your personal information is updated. We are still lacking contact information and photos for many.
- **Life Group Meetings next week** – The week after Easter Sunday was a scheduled week off for Life Group meetings. However, since we are not traveling and we are longing for connecting with one another, we will plan to continue to meet via Zoom next week. Leaders, feel free to plan your gatherings as you like for next week.

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## **Leading Off...**

1. Have you ever remembered a time with more questions and uncertainty? Yet, what hope do we as believers have during this difficult time.

## **BIG IDEA: Jesus is the resurrected Savior.**

### **Read John 20:1-4**

2. Who is Mary Magdalene?
3. What was the reality of the status of women in this first century culture?

### **Read John 20:5-15**

4. What are some very interesting things you note in these verses? Take some time to discuss these verses.
5. What have we learned about the significance of gardens in the Bible?
6. Why is it significant that Jesus was mistaken as the “gardener” in verse 15?
7. Why is it astounding that Jesus would first appear to Mary Magdalene?
8. Mary was not to be defined by her past, but by her future, and what Jesus had done for her. How is that true of believers today? Feel free to share any personal testimonies of how God has redefined your future.

**Read John 20:19-21**

9. Jesus did not come in and tell them all was now fine. He spoke words of peace to calm their troubled spirits. Why is that important for us today?
10. How can we practically put into practice the peace of Christ and trusting Him with our anxieties?

**Read John 20:24-29**

11. Thomas doubted and needed to know for sure. What can we learn from Thomas?
12. Note that Jesus didn't come down hard on Thomas. What does this tell us about Jesus?

**Wrapping Up****Read John 20:30-31**

13. The real question is this: "Have you believed?" Discuss these two verses.
14. We don't have a savior abandoned to the grave, but we have a resurrected Savior, who conquered all the things that scare us, even death. Be encouraged with this good news and share testimonies about how God is working in your life during this difficult time.