

**The Gospel of John**  
**What Happened at the Tomb? John 20:1-18**

**Intro:** The resurrection of Jesus Christ a “hinge” moment that is foundational to Christianity. This is John’s record

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the Tomb – John 20:1-4**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Did not understand \_\_\_\_\_

Assumptions – “\_\_\_\_\_ and Stressing.”

The direction of your life hinges upon whether you respond in life based on assumptions or on the truth of the Bible.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the Tomb – John 20:5-10**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Body

B. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Grave Clothes –

- 20:5 – John merely observes without understanding.
- 20:6 – Peter arrives enters and investigates...thinks.
- 20:8 – John connects his observation to resurrection.

Which of these describe you and your relationship to Jesus?

- Skeptic over Easter story – Not sure what to believe – 20:5.
- Searching for answers – Considering the evidence – 20:6.
- Settled that the Gospel and the Easter story is true—20:8.

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the Tomb – John 20:11-18**

Mary was emotionally wrecked until what happened at the tomb—the hinge moment—Jesus was there.

A. Mary Heard Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ – 20:14

B. Mary Saw Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ – 20:14

John and Mary had a “hinge” moment of faith that Jesus was alive. They were different but faith in Christ’s resurrection was the result.

Have you had that “hinge” moment of faith? Not seeing Jesus alive, but believing He is and trusting Him to be your Savior?

For us who are Christians, the resurrection of Christ from the dead still needs to be the all-important hinge that continually impacts our lives.

## **Small Group Study Questions**

### **Develop**

1. How would your life be different if Jesus had not been raised from the dead?

### **Dig**

1. What assumptions were being made by Mary and the disciples concerning Jesus and the tomb?
2. Why is it dangerous to make decisions based on assumptions?
3. Discuss the statement "The direction of your life hinges upon whether you respond in life based on assumptions or on the truth of the Bible" and its relevance to today's culture.
4. Read John 20:5-8. How is John's and Peter's actions at the tomb an illustration of a person deepening their faith in the truth of the resurrection of Jesus?
5. How would you answer a skeptic's questions over Jesus' resurrection from this passage of Scripture.
6. How are John's and Mary's "hinge" moment of faith in Christ's resurrection different? Similar?
7. Take some time and share briefly when and how you had your "hinge" moment of faith and made the decision to trust Jesus to be your Savior.

### **Do**

1. What is a key truth that you learned from this study that you want to apply to your daily life?