

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

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Mary was in _____.

“ Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, ‘They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!’”

~ JOHN 20:1-2 (NLT)

“ Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons;”

~ LUKE 8:1-2 (NLT)

When Jesus _____ : It changes everything.

_____ leads to confusion.

“ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ‘Dear woman, why are you crying?’ the angels asked her.

‘Because they have taken away my Lord,’ she replied, ‘and I don’t know where they have put him.’”

~ JOHN 20:11-13 (NLT)

“ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. ‘Dear woman, why are you crying?’ Jesus asked her. ‘Who are you looking for?’ She thought he was the gardener. ‘Sir,’ she said, ‘if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.’”

~ JOHN 20:14-15 (NLT)

When Jesus _____ : It changes everything.

“ ‘Mary!’ Jesus said.
She turned to him and cried out, ‘Rabboni!’ (which is Hebrew for ‘Teacher’).”

~ JOHN 20:16 (NLT)

Thomas was in _____.

“ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’
But he replied, ‘I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.’”

~ JOHN 20:1-2 (NLT)

- Thomas' doubt grew when he was _____ from others.
- Thomas' doubt grew when he forgot what _____
(see Lazarus and John 11)
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(see John 14:1-6)

“ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ he said. Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!’”

~ JOHN 20:26-27 (NLT)

When _____ : It changes everything.

“ ‘My Lord and my God!’ Thomas exclaimed.” ~ JOHN 20:28 (NLT)

When _____ : It changes everything.

So WHAT? | Has Jesus _____ ?

“ Then Jesus told him, ‘You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.’”

~ JOHN 20:29 (NLT)

COMMUNITY GROUP Questions:
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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- 1 - When have you experienced a dark time in your life? How did you handle it?
- 2 - When have you had a “This changes everything” moment in your life? How did your world change?
- 3 - Read John 20: 11-16. What moment in your faith journey really changed you and the way you believe? If you haven’t had that moment what would do that for you?
- 4 - Rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 = God said it, that settles it I believe it. 1 = I doubt it until I have full proof evidence)
- 5 - Read John 20:24-29. How do you explain someone like Thomas, who had seen and heard so much over the last three years, express such doubt?
- 6 - If you could ask God for any one evidence what would it be? If He gave it to you how would it change the way you lived?

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