

# Discussion Questions

## January 3 – 9

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here:

<https://www.biblechapel.org/sermons/>

- 1) As we enter 2021, what would cause someone right now to be in the “Seat of Uncertainty?” Is there anything in your life right now that remains uncertain as you enter a new year?
- 2) **Read John 20:1-18.** What are your biggest takeaways from this experience with Mary Magdalene and Jesus? Discuss the range of emotions we see in Mary in this passage.
- 3) **Read John 20:13 and John 10:28-30.** Even in the seat of uncertainty, Mary had eternal security in Jesus as she declared Jesus is “my Lord”. We said this weekend:

*In a world of uncertainty, trust in Jesus for eternal security.*

How should a believer’s eternal security in Christ impact how they live in a very insecure world?

- 4) **Read John 10:27, Psalm 119:89 and Isaiah 40:8.** We said this weekend:

*In a world of uncertainty, trust God’s unchanging Word.*

We live in a day and age of relativism, where truth is up for grabs and Oxford Dictionary claimed the word “Post-Truth” as the 2016 word of the year. How does one make sure they trust in God’s unchanging Word and not the noise and lies of this world?

- 5) **Read John 20:18, Mark 16:15 and Acts 20:24.** We said this weekend:

*In a world of uncertainty, don’t be selfish with Jesus...share him with others.*

Why do believers struggle with sharing Jesus with others? Who is someone you can pray for this week who needs to hear the good news of Jesus? Pray as a group that God may use you to share His good news with them this year.



## Bible References

### John 20:1-18

*20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' <sup>[a]</sup> head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, <sup>[b]</sup> "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.*

### John 20:13

*<sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."*

### John 10:28-30

*<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, <sup>[a]</sup> is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."*

### John 10:27

*<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

### Psalms 119:89

*<sup>89</sup> Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.*

**Isaiah 40:8**

*8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**John 20:18**

*<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.*

**Mark 16:15**

*<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

**Acts 20:24**

*<sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

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