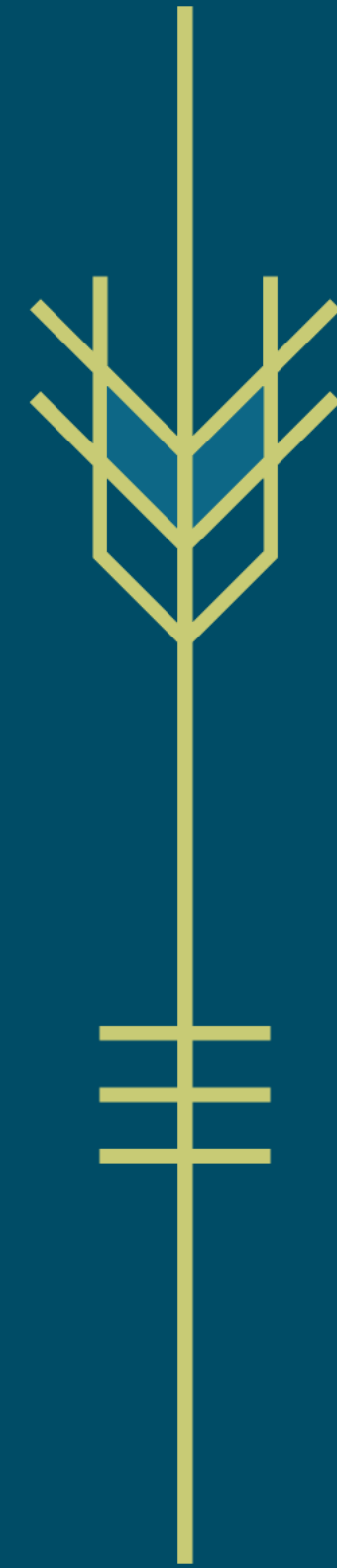


*Gospel of John*

BELIEVE

AND LIVE



BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN SO  
THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE  
THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT  
BY BELIEVING YOU MAY  
HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.

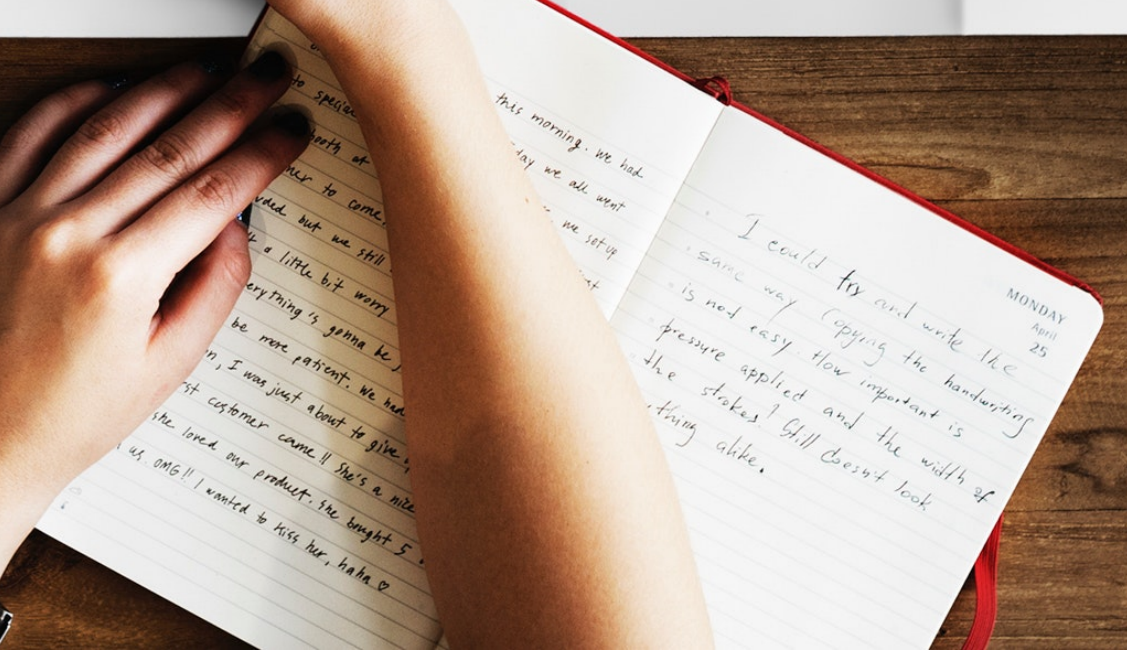
*John 20:31*



(...psssst....spoiler alert....)


Happy Easter!

He has Risen - indeed!




# Basic Flow....

The Empty Tomb Discovered (v.1-10)  
Jesus' interaction with Mary (v.11-18)




**20 Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. It was still dark. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she ran to Simon Peter and another disciple, the one Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb! We don’t know where they have put him!”**






**<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running. The other disciple ran faster than Peter. He reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there. But he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him. He went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there. <sup>7</sup> He also saw the funeral cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place. It was separate from the linen.**





**<sup>8</sup> The disciple who had reached the tomb first also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.**



**11 But Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she cried, she bent over to look into the tomb. 12 She saw two angels dressed in white. They were seated where Jesus' body had been. One of them was where Jesus' head had been laid. The other sat where his feet had been placed. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said. "I don't know where they have put him."**



**14 Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't realize that it was Jesus. 15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener. So she said, "Sir, did you carry him away? Tell me where you put him. Then I will go and get him."**

**16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him. Then she cried out in the Aramaic language, "Rabboni!" Rabboni means Teacher.**

**17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me. I have not yet ascended to the Father. Instead, go to those who believe in me. Tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”**

**18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news. She said, “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.**

## Big Deal #1 - We know Jesus is God

...and was declared to be the Son of God in power  
according to the Spirit of holiness  
**by his resurrection from the dead,**  
Jesus Christ our Lord  
(Rom.1:4)

Big Deal #2 - we can be sure our sins are forgiven

**And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.**

**Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**(I Corinthians 15:17-20)**

## Big Deal #3 - Jesus is on the throne and in charge!

**“I am the first and the last, and the Living one;  
and I was dead, and behold,  
I am alive for evermore”  
(Revelation 1:17-18)**



## Big Deal #4 - Physical death for believers is not the end!

**But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.**

**(I Corinthians 15:20-23)**



## Big Deal #5 - Jesus wins (and we share in it)

**I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.**

**And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold,**

**the Lion of the tribe of Judah,**

**the Root of David, has conquered,**

**so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."** And

**between the throne and the four living creatures and among**

**the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been**

**slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the**

**seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth**

**(Rev.5:5-6)**



## **Discipleship Cues:**

- 1. Of the many things we believe about Jesus and the Resurrection, what stands out as most powerful ?**
- 2. Do you need to rethink about what (and how often) we think about the Resurrection in our walk with Jesus?**
- 3. How does this change how we share Jesus and the Gospel?**

