

Digging Deeper: John 20:10–31
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Day 1

Before you begin each day, be sure to pray to ask for God's help so you can learn from His Word. Get your journal to record your ideas and findings while you study and pray through His Word this week. Read John 20:10–31. Angels are often terrifying to those who encounter them. Why do you think this is? Checkout Luke 1:11–15. Also, read Luke 2:8–10. How is Mary's experience with angels different? Why do you think that is?

Day 2

Go to your quiet place to settle your mind and spirit. Read John 20:10–31. When Jesus suddenly appears to Mary Magdalene, what does he do? Even all-knowing and all-powerful Jesus (who already knows why she is crying) takes the time to ask her why. It's a good lesson for how and why not to assume things about people. Ask honest questions, without motive, and be a good listener to show Jesus' love, compassion, patience and grace to people. Who do you need to call today and ask them how they are doing? Check out James 1:19. Be a good listener.

Day 3

As you pray, ask Jesus who He wants you to connect with today. Which 2–3 people come to mind as you pray? Send them an encouraging word or give them a call. Read John 20:10–31. Later that same day, Jesus first appears to the disciples. What is the first thing he says to them? Check out Philippians 4:6–7. What are we told to do in order to achieve the peace Jesus is offering? What anxieties do you have going on right now that you can pray about and give over to God? Consider calling or sending a message to one of your pastors or elders; we would enjoy praying with you.

Day 4

Be praying for your neighbors. Ask God how He wants to show His loving support through you to neighbors and friends today. Read John 20:10–31. There is life in the breath of God. In verse 22, what does Jesus do? Check out what God does in Genesis 2:7. How do you feel about receiving "life" from Jesus when you accept his Gospel message?

Day 5

Seek the Holy Spirit as you pray, and talk with God today, asking for His guidance and direction in your life. Again, read John 20:10–31. Which disciple was missing the first time Jesus appeared and talked with all the brothers? Did this disciple believe or not? A week later all the disciples were together and Jesus appeared to them again. What did it take for him to believe this time that Jesus was alive? What does Jesus do about it? What did Jesus say about it? There is a good leadership example from Jesus for us here. Whenever someone is doubting the truth, questioning a plan or being disobedient, tackle the issue head-on. Don't ignore the elephant in the room when you can do something about it with grace, love and truth (see Galatians 5:22–23), and get everyone back on track.

Day 6

As you pray, seek God's Holy Spirit and reflect on how to apply what you have learned this week. One last time, read John 20:10-31. In verses 30 and 31 what other miraculous signs is John talking about? Check out the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke in your bible. Along with this book, John, these four books are considered the four gospels. They document Jesus's story, from birth to death, the reason that He came, His gospel message, giving Himself as a saving gift to everyone in the entire world. Including you. Do you believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?