



# RESURRECTION STORIES

## **Resurrection Morning: Part 2**– John 20:11-18

April 16, 2023

We return to John 20 and that first glimpse of the resurrected Jesus. Lewis Roderick takes us to verses 11-18. Listen in as we follow Mary to the empty tomb, and discover the gospel Easter eggs hidden throughout story.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- “Easter eggs are messages, features, hidden references, call-backs to previous parts of the story or inside jokes. Sometimes they’re put in just for fun, often they’re saying something bigger - there’s a *meta-narrative* unfolding, a grand plan, nothing’s an accident.”
- Is this a new idea for you when it comes to reading the Bible?
- Can you think of any other call backs to Old Testament stories hidden in the gospels?
- As personally as you can, try to summarise why it’s good news that Jesus is our Mercy Seat. Try to avoid using over-familiar terms or repeating phrases Lewis used in the message (you might find writing your answer down helpful).
- What aspect of eternal life, glimpsed in this story, affected your heart most? Why? Turn your answer into praise - spend time thanking Jesus for all he’s won for his people.