



Don't Stop
at the *Tomb!*

Are you stopping with the signs, the grave clothes, even the angels? Or do you want to see and know the Risen Lord Himself?



**Reaction #1: John - Close but
Stopped Short**



“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we don’t know where they have
put him.” John 20:2



God is inviting you to do more than
peek into an empty tomb



- Step in—trust, believe, surrender



“Then the Disciples went back to where they were staying.” John 20:10



“Peter Christianity” = Believe the facts of the Resurrection, but after Easter, nothing really changes.



The empty tomb is not just a fact to be believed; it is an invitation to a relationship with the One who walked out.



Reaction #3: Mary – Refused to Leave



“Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying...” John 20:10-11



“Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” John 20:13



Even in the presence of angels, she is still unsatisfied.



John 20:15

“Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking He was the Gardener, She Says, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”



Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” *(which means “Teacher”).*



- What Easter Is Really About...



**The Risen Jesus calls people by name
and reveals Himself to them**



QUESTION:

What Are You Settling For?

- Distance?
- Evidence?
- Experiences?

CHALLENGE:

Don't Stop Short ...

Stay until you've
met the Risen Lord!