

RESURRECTED

As preached on Sunday, July 19th

Read: John 20:1-10

1. John 19:42 closes with the burial of Jesus on Friday evening. John 20:1 opens just before dawn on Sunday morning. Why do you think John chose not to share anything about Saturday? What do you think Saturday was like for Jesus' disciples?
2. What is the significance of Mary going to the tomb so early on Sunday? Why was she going? What was she expecting to find?
3. What does Mary think has happened when she sees that the stone has been removed from the entrance to Jesus' tomb? Why does she think this? Do you think she looked inside?
4. Do you think there is any significance in the fact that it is Peter and John that Mary runs to tell? How do they respond to Mary's testimony?
5. Why do you think John chooses to mention (three times!) that he ran faster than Peter did?
6. What is the significance of the grave clothes left inside the tomb?
7. How does Peter respond to what he sees? How does John respond to what he sees? If they still didn't understand the scriptural teachings which foretold Jesus' resurrection, what exactly was it that John believed?
8. Can our faith begin even in the midst of unanswered questions? How does our faith grow and develop through what we "see" in the world? How can the scriptures help our faith to grow?