



Questions Jesus Asked

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of November 2, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

John 20:1-3, 11-18 Why Are You Weeping?

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb...

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

- Who are the people mentioned in this narrative?
- What details are given about the timing of these events in this account? Why might the apostle John (who wrote this Gospel) include them? (1)
- How does Mary respond when she first sees the empty tomb? (1-2, 11-13)

- How does Jesus first address Mary (14-15)?
- What might Mary's initial failure to recognize Jesus suggest about resurrection or about her state of mind? (15)
- How does she recognize Him, and why might this be significant? (16)
- What is the first message Jesus gives Mary after His resurrection? What is the significance of this message? (17-18)
- Why do you think Mary was the first to arrive at the tomb and the first to see the risen Jesus?
- Do you identify with Mary's confusion, grief, or longing in this passage? How so?
- Why is it essential to believe that Jesus is risen?
- Why are you weeping these days? What hope does the resurrection of Jesus Christ offer you in those tears?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

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