



LIFE: There's An App For That

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In this study we are going to look at three encounters the risen Jesus had with his followers.

Mary Magdalene - Read John 20:11-18

- Based on some of the scriptural references we have of Mary, how do you picture her? See Luke 8:1-3, John 20:1, Mark 15:40-41.
- Why do you think Jesus first appeared to Mary? What is relationship between our seeking the Lord, and the Lord revealing himself to us?
- What does Mary do after she recognizes Jesus? How is Mary's response to the risen Jesus instructive for us?

The Disciples - Read John 20:19-23

- What can we learn about Jesus' resurrection body from his appearance to the disciples? (Note the scriptures teach that we will have the same kind of body one day.)
- Jesus greets the fear-filled disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." How has the presence of the risen Jesus made a difference in your life situations?
- ?Imagine yourself sitting in a coffee shop talking to your friend. The friend asks you: "What does Jesus want you to do?" Based on Jesus' commission in verses 21-23, how would you respond to your friend?

Thomas - Read John 20:24-29

- Do you identify with Thomas or find him frustrating?
- How is Jesus response to Thomas instructive for us, the church?

NOTE: Thomas confession of faith in verse 28 is one of the most exalted ones in the New Testament. He calls Jesus God. Jesus receives this confession.

- What word or short phrase would you use to summarize these three encounters?